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3. Return presented, to an Order of the House of the Session of 1917, showing how many patents of lands issued under, in District of Sudbury to corporations, since February, 1905, etc., 8. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*) Not printed.

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Report presented, 138. (*Sessional Papers No. 4.*) Printed.

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1. Bill (No. 59), introduced to amend, 21. Second reading and referred to Legal Committee, 57. Reported, 70. House goes into Committee on, 75. Third reading, 152. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 26.)

2. Bill (No. 119), introduced to amend, 104. Second reading and referred to Legal Committee, 145. See *above.*

MOTOR VEHICLES ACT:—

Bill (No. 129), introduced to amend, 109. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 155. Reported, 158. House goes into Committee on, 180. Third reading, 180. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 37.)

MOYES, JOHN H.:—

Return presented to an Order of the House, of the Session of 1917, shewing correspondence, etc., *re* arrest of, 9. (*Sessional Papers No. 65.*) Not printed.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF:—

Report presented, 185. (*Sessional Papers No. 82.*) Not printed.

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Bill (No. 94), introduced to abolish property qualification of candidates for, 71. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 88. *No report.*

MUNICIPAL LAW:—

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2. Bill (No. 62), introduced to amend, 32. Order for second reading discharged, 88.

3. Bill (No. 79), introduced to amend, 50. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 88. Reported, 158.

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5. Bill (No. 91), introduced to amend, 70. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 93. Reported, 158.

6. Bill (No. 92), introduced to amend, 71. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 107. Reported, 158.

7. Bill (No. 100), introduced to amend, 87. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 96. Reported, 158.

8. Bill (No. 107), introduced to amend, 95. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 145. Reported, 158.

9. Bill (No. 109), introduced to amend, 95. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 107. Reported, 158.

10. Bill (No. 110), introduced to amend, 95. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 107. Reported, 158.

11. Bill (No. 120), introduced to amend, 104. Order for second reading discharged, 145.

12. Bill (No. 123), introduced to amend, 105. Order for second reading discharged, 145.

13. Bill (No. 125), introduced to amend, 105. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 128. Reported, 158.

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2. Bill (No. 146), introduced respecting, 158. Second reading negatived, 174.

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OLIVER, TOWNSHIP OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 12. Reported, 23. Bill (No. 4), introduced and referred, 24. Reported, 55. Second reading, 64. House goes into Committee on, 72. Third reading, 110. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 70.)

ONTARIO COMPANIES ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

ONTARIO INSURANCE ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

ONTARIO MEDICAL ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

ONTARIO PAROLE BOARD:—

Report presented, 171. (*Sessional Papers No. 79.*) Printed.

ONTARIO, PROVINCE OF:—

Return presented, to an Order of the House of Session of 1917, shewing population, public debt, etc., 19. (*Sessional Papers No. 63.*) Not printed.

ONTARIO RAILWAY ACT:—

Bill (No. 144), introduced to amend, 158. Second reading, 173. House goes into Committee on, 174. Third reading, 174. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 30.)

ONTARIO REFORMATORY INDUSTRIES:—

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ORPINGTON MILITARY HOSPITAL:—

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OWEN SOUND, TOWN OF:—

Petition for Act to confirm By-law No. 1833, 13. Reported, 34. Bill (No. 14), introduced and referred, 34. Reported, 92. Second reading, 96. House goes into Committee on, 101. Third reading, 111. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V. c. 73.)

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2. Bill (No. 95), introduced to amend, 84. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 90. Reported as incorporated with Bill No. 114, 158.

3. Bill (No. 114), introduced to amend, 100. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 128. Reported with provisions of No. 95 incorporated, 158. House goes into Committee on, 180. Third reading, 180. Amalgamated with No. 57. See *above*, 1.

PERTH, TOWN OF:—

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PETERBOROUGH, CITY OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 13. Reported, 34. Bill (No. 23), introduced and referred, 35. Reported, 66. Second reading, 72. House goes into Committee on, 94. Third reading, 111. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 75.)

POLICE MAGISTRATE ACT:—

Bill (No. 86), introduced to amend, 56. Second reading and referred to Legal Committee, 71. *No report.* See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

PORT ARTHUR, CITY OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 18. Reported, 61. Bill (No. 27), introduced and referred, 63. Reported, 157. Second reading, 172. House goes into Committee on, 172. Third reading, 173. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 76.)

POWER COMMISSION ACT:—

Bill (No. 134), introduced to amend, 110. Second reading, 144. House goes into Committee on, 168. Third reading, 168. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 14.)

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Petition for Act respecting, 13. Reported, 61. Bill (No. 8), introduced and referred to Railway and Municipal Board, 62. Reported and referred to Private Bills Committee, 86-7. Reported, 103. Second reading, 113. House goes into Committee on, 127. Third reading, 183. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 77.)

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Report presented, 37. (*Sessional Papers No. 54.*) Printed.

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2. Bill (No. 121), introduced to amend, 104. Order for second reading discharged, 156.

3. Bill (No. 139), introduced "The Public Health Amendment Act," 116. Second reading, 144. House goes into Committee on, 154. Third reading, 184. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 41.)

4. Resolutions introduced respecting salaries of certain officials, 161-2. See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS:—

1. Bill (No. 38), introduced to amend the Act to aid in the improvement of, 63. Resolutions introduced; Lieutenant-Governor's recommendation signified; passed through Committee and referred to Bill, 64-5. Second reading, 85. House goes into Committee on, 88. Third reading, 139. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 16.)

2. Report presented, 72. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*) Printed.

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PUBLIC SERVICE:—

Bill (No. 44), introduced to provide for the better regulation of, 27. Second reading, 56. House goes into Committee on, 65, 140. Third reading, 140. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V. c. 5.)

PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT:—

Bill (No. 67), introduced to amend, 35. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 57. *No report.*

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2. Report presented, 102. (*Sessional Papers No. 50.*) Printed.

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Bill (No. 103), introduced to amend, 93. Resolutions introduced; Lieutenant-Governor's recommendation signified; passed through Committee and referred to Bill, 151-2. Second reading, 153. House goes into Committee on, 153. Third reading, 184. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 27.) See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

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Report presented, 72. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*) Printed.

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SANDWICH, TOWN OF:—

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SANDWICH EAST, TOWNSHIP OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 52. Reported, 103. Bill (No. 35), introduced and referred, 104. Reported, 116. Second reading, 128. House goes into Committee on, 164. Third reading, 164. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 79.)

SAULT STE. MARIE, CITY OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 18. Reported, 103. Bill (No. 28), introduced and referred, 104. Reported, 116. Second reading, 128. House goes into Committee on, 164. Third reading, 164. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 80.)

SCARBOROUGH AND ETOBICOKE, TOWNSHIP OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 23. Reported, 34. Bill (No. 29), introduced and referred, 52. Reported, 82. Second reading, 93. House goes into Committee on, 101. Third reading, 111. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 81.)

SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR:—

Report presented, 72. (*Sessional Papers, No. 19.*) Printed.

SEYMOUR POWER COMPANY:—

Return presented, to an Order of the House of the Session of 1917, of correspondence in reference to the purchase of; reports; valuation, etc., 8. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*) Not printed.

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1. Bill (No. 39), introduced to impose a tax on Dogs and for the, 52. Second reading and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, 80. Reported, 148. House goes into Committee on, 167. Third reading, 168. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 46.)

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2. Bill (No. 65), introduced to amend, 32. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 50. Reported as embodied in Bill No. 72, 92.

3. Bill (No. 132), introduced to amend, 110. Order for second reading discharged, 156.

4. Bill (No. 72), introduced to amend, 38. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 57. Reported, 92. House goes into Committee on, 113. Third reading, 139. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V. c. 35.)

5. Petitions respecting, 15.

STATUTES ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

STATUTES AND STATUTES LAW AMENDMENT ACT:—

1. Bill (No. 56), introduced to amend the Act of 1916, 21. Second reading and referred to the Legal Committee, 56. Reported, 70. House goes into Committee on, 75. Third reading, 152. See *below.*

2. Bill (No. 137), in "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918," 116. Resolutions introduced; Lieutenant-Governor's recommendation signified; passed through Committee and referred to Bill, 149, 150, 151, 160, 175, 176. Second reading, 155. House goes into Committee on, 168, 177, 182. Third reading, 182-3. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 20.)

3. Statement of distribution presented, 37. (*Sessional Papers No. 67.*) Not printed.

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STUBBS, RICHARD, ESTATE OF:—

Petition for Act respecting, 27. Reported, 81. Bill (No. 32), introduced and referred to Commissioners of Estate Bills, 92. Reported and referred to Committee on Private Bills, 115. Reported, 157. Second reading, 172. House goes into Committee on, 172. Third reading, 173. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 86.)

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SUDBURY, DISTRICT OF:—

1. Return presented, to an Order of the House of the Session of 1917, shewing how many patents, under Mines Act, issued in to corporations since February, 1915, etc., 8. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*) Not printed.

2. Return ordered, shewing what lands patented in 1917, to Albert Harvey, R. McConnell *et al*, 53. Presented, 59. (*Sessional Papers No. 69.*) Not printed.

3. Return ordered, shewing what lands patented to "Sudbury Nickel Limited," in 1917, etc., 57. Presented, 73. (*Sessional Papers, No. 72.*) Not printed.

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SUDBURY, TOWN OF:—

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1. Bill (No. 102), introduced to amend, 92. Second reading and referred to Legal Committee, 107. Reported, 157. House goes into Committee on, 180. Third reading, 180. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 22.)

2. Orders-in-Council presented, under sections 78, 59, 186. (*Sessional Papers No. 68.*) Not printed.

TAYLOR, ARCHIBALD:—

Return presented, to an Order of the House of the Session of 1917, of correspondence with Workmen's Compensation Board and the personal representatives of, 19. (*Sessional Papers No. 64.*) Not printed.

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2. Statistical information *in re* ordered to be printed, 172. (*Sessional Papers No. 81.*)

TEMISKAMING AND N.O.R. COMMISSION:—

Report presented, 171. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*) Printed. See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

THEATRES AND CINEMATOGRAPH ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

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TIME DEFINITION ACT:—

Bill (No. 88), introduced to amend, 63. Second reading and referred to the Legal Committee, 85. Reported with certain amendments to be embodied in Statute Law Amendment Act, 157. See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

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1. Petition for Act respecting, 13. Reported, 61. Bill (No. 9), introduced and referred, 63. Reported, 157. Second reading, 172. House goes into Committee on, 172. Third reading, 173. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 84.)

2. Petition for Act to penalize the Toronto Street Railway Company, 13. Reported, 80. Bill (No. 21), introduced and referred, 83. *No report.* See *Railway Act.*

3. Return ordered, of names and addresses of Coroners in, 112. *Not brought down.*

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2. Report presented, 8. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*) Printed.

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TRADES AND LABOUR BRANCH:—

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2. Report of Board of Governors presented, 8 (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*) Printed.

UNIVERSITY ACT:—See *Statute Law Amendment Act.*

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE ACT:—

Bill (No. 128), introduced to amend, 105. Second reading and referred to Legal Committee, 45. Reported, 157. House goes into Committee on, 180. Third reading, 180. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V. c. 54.)

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Bill (No. 144), introduced respecting the cultivation of, 126. Second reading, 144. House goes into Committee on, 154. Third reading, 184. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 39.)

VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION:—

Report presented, 98. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*) Printed.

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1. Bill (No. 40), introduced for the prevention of, 52. Second reading and referred to a Select Committee, 85. Reported, 109. House goes into Committee on, 137, 168. Third reading, 168. R. A., 191. (8 Geo. V, c. 42.)

2. Interim Report on, presented, 86. (*Sessional Papers No. 74.*) Printed.

VETERINARY COLLEGE:—

Report presented, 97. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*) Printed

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Tuesday, February 5th, 1918.

PROCLAMATION.

Canada
Province of Ontario.

JOHN STRATHEARN HENDRIE.

GEORGE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario and to every of you—GREETING.

ISAAC BENSON LUCAS, Attorney General.

WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the FIFTH day of the month of FEBRUARY now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, His Honour JOHN STRATHEARN HENDRIE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, &c., &c., &c., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this EIGHTH day of JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Tuesday, the Fifth day of February, 1918, being the First Day of the Fourth Meeting of the Fourteenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario, for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight, &c., &c., &c., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, and the House having met,

His Honour entered the House, and having taken his seat on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

For the fourth time you meet under war conditions. During the past year our Empire has maintained the struggle for freedom with unabated power and confidence. Though the burdens and the sacrifices have been heavy, the compensating successes have been of substantial value. Towards these achievements Canadians have contributed notably, and in many brilliant actions have added new lustre to their renown.

The devotion of our people to the cause for which the Mother Country and her allies are at war was never more evident than it is to-day. Never were we so determined to consecrate all the resources we possess to the task of carrying the conflict to a successful issue. With the war aims clearly set forth recently by His Majesty's Government we are in full accord.

Our thanks are due to Almighty God for the harvest of the past year, which was one of the most bountiful in the history of the Province.

Among the difficult problems arising out of the war is the food shortage, which is continually assuming more serious proportions. Appeals for greater production have elicited a most encouraging response from the farmers of this Province. In this effort my Government has in various ways actively participated. I desire, in this connection, to pay a tribute to the assistance given to agriculture by urban communities, and especially to recognize the patriotic work, on the farms, of pupils from all our provincial schools. The encouragement of the consumption of fish promises to be an important factor in meeting the food situation. To all our people I commend the duty of exercising the strictest economy in the use of foodstuffs.

We are now receiving from overseas, in increasing numbers, Canadian soldiers who have completed their service at the front. My Government has co-operated with the Dominion authorities in arranging for the care of the disabled and for the return of others to civil life. It has also developed plans to assist returned soldiers who desire to settle upon the land.

In July last the addition to the Ontario Military Hospital in England was completed and opened for occupation. The expeditious accomplishment of this undertaking is a source of satisfaction, as it has doubled the capacity of the institution at a time when hospital accommodation is urgently needed, and has given the Province of Ontario an opportunity to increase its efforts in carrying succour and comfort to the wounded.

Our people participated very earnestly in the widespread sympathy evoked by the destruction of life and property in the Halifax disaster. Steps were taken by my Government to extend help and relief on your behalf to the sufferers.

Increased demands for electrical energy, arising out of the needs of munition plants, have taxed the present provincial service beyond the limit of its capacity. As authorized by this Legislature, the Hydro-Electric Power Commission has purchased the franchise and plant of the Ontario Power Company, and has taken steps to increase its power development. Construction work on the Chippewa-Queenston project has been actively carried on, with the prospect that when completed that undertaking will render sufficient power available to meet all demands upon the Niagara Falls system for some time to come.

In view of the difficulty of obtaining coal, my Government has been carefully considering sources of fuel supply within the Province, and has set aside territory known to contain peat deposits, the intention being to make investigations and experiments, with the object of rendering these resources available for fuel purposes.

The Department of Highways has commenced to take over existing main roads, with a view to provincial maintenance, as portion of the general plan of highway improvements to be carried out after the war.

The inquiry instituted into the state of medical education in this Province has been completed, and the report of the Commissioner will be submitted to you.

The Public Accounts, showing that the finances of the Province are in a healthy state, will be laid before you. Estimates of contemplated expenditures for the current and coming fiscal years will be brought down at an early date for your consideration.

Measures will be submitted to you to provide for taking the votes of soldiers on service overseas; respecting the Public Health; relating to the Public Service; to amend The Northern Ontario Development Act; to amend The Trades and Labour Act; and for other purposes.

In conclusion I desire to express the hope that your deliberations will be characterized by the spirit of patriotism and service so necessary to our country in a time like the present, and my confidence that, under the guidance of Providence, your decisions will contribute to the welfare and security of our people.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker reported, That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

On motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne, a Bill was introduced intituled "An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace," and the same was read the first time.

On motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections; 2. On Railways; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills; 4. On Standing Orders; 5. On Public Accounts; 6. On Printing; 7. On Municipal Law; 8. On Legal Bills; 9. On Agriculture and Colonization; 10. On Fish and Game; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table a Memorandum relating to Elections. (*Sessional Papers No. 51.*)

The House then adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Sir Adam Beck, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Hanna, the Petition of the City Council of Sarnia.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto; also, the Petition of the Trustees of the Massey Estate and the Methodist Union of Toronto; also, the Petition of George J. Tuckett and others of Toronto.

By Mr. Hartt, the Petition of the Town and Township Councils of Orillia.

By Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls), the Petition of W. G. Athoe and others of Crystal Beach; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Crowland.

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Carter, the Petition of the City Council of Guelph.

By Mr. Edgar, the Petition of George McKnight and others; also, the Petition of J. B. Nicholson and others, all of Maganetawan.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the City Council of Fort William; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Oliver.

By Mr. Mason, the Petition of the Township Council of Somerville.

By Mr. Rankin, the Petition of the City Council of Kingston.

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the County Council of Carleton.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Village Council of Merritton.

By Mr. Hall (Waterloo), the Petition of the Town Council of Preston.

By Mr. Hall (Lanark), the Petition of the Town Council of Perth.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Town Council of Owen Sound.

By Mr. Allan (Hamilton), the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

By Mr. Gillespie, the Petition of the City Council of Peterborough.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 45), entitled "An Act respecting Natural Gas." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred forthwith to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Calder moved, seconded by Mr. Chambers,

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

To His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Proudfoot,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:—

May it please Your Honour,

On behalf and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent to the Act passed To-day.

The Clerk Assistant then read the Title of an Act that had passed as follows:—

An Act respecting Natural Gas.

To this Act the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Act."

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Agricultural Representatives." Sir William Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act to amend the Metal Refining Bounty Act." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 18.)

Also—Report of Commissioner Coatsworth *re* Industrial Farm investigation, Burwash, Ontario (*Sessional Papers No.* 56.)

Also—Report and Supporting Statements on Medical Education in Ontario by Mr. Justice Hodgins, Commissioner. (*Sessional Papers No.* 57.)

Also—Return to an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, of the 20th March, 1917, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House —1. Copies of all Orders-in-Council approving of the agreement for the construction of the Hydro Radial Line from Toronto to Niagara Falls through Hamilton. 2. Copies of all reports, engineers' and otherwise, in reference to the cost and prospective earnings of the said railway furnished by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to the Government. 3. Copies of all correspondence passing between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and the Government in reference to the passing of the said Orders-in-Council and the construction of the said line. (*Sessional Papers No.* 58.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 26th March, 1917, for a Return shewing:—1. How many leases of water-powers were issued by the Ontario Government in each of the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916 and down to March 1st, 1917. 2. To whom, in what districts, and for what periods of time were such leases of water-powers issued. (*Sessional Papers No.* 59.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 7th March, 1917, for a Return shewing:—1. What areas of land of the Government of the Province of Ontario in Forest Reserve sections were over-run by fire in the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916 respectively. (*Sessional Papers No.* 60.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 7th March, 1917, for a Return shewing:—1. How many patents of lands have been issued, under the Mines Act, in the District of Sudbury, to corporations, since February 8, 1905, in addition to the six patents of land issued to the Canada Copper Company on the 13th day of December, 1916. 2. To what corporations were such patents issued; on what dates; and in what townships were the lands situated. 3. Were the regulations with regard to timber preservation taken advantage of by those who staked claims, and were they so relieved from doing the necessary development work required by the Mining Law of Ontario. If so, in what cases. (*Sessional Papers No.* 61.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 23rd February, 1917, for a Return of Copies—1. All correspondence passing between the Government of Ontario, or any member, officer, or official thereof, and the Ontario Hydro-

Electric Power Commission, or any officer or official thereof, in reference to the purchase or acquirement of the properties of the Seymour Power Company. 2. All reports made by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, or any member, officer or official thereof, in reference to the purchase of the properties of the said Seymour Power Company. 3. All valuations made by or on behalf of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the properties of the said Seymour Power Company. 4. All correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario, or any member, officer, or official thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any officer, or official thereof, in reference to the purchase or acquirement of the properties of the Seymour Power Company. (*Sessional Papers No.* 62.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 16th March, 1917, for a Return shewing:—1. What was the population of Ontario for each of the years from the year 1900 to 1916 inclusive. 2. What was the public debt of the Province of Ontario from the year 1900 to the year 1916 inclusive. 3. What was the public debt *per capita* for each of the years from the year 1900 to the year 1916 inclusive. (*Sessional Papers No.* 63.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 14th March, 1917, for a Return of copies of all documents and correspondence passing between the Workmen's Compensation Board or any member, officer or employee thereof; the personal representatives of Archibald Taylor (deceased) late of Sarnia, Ont., or any person or persons acting on their behalf, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company or any employee or officer thereof. (*Sessional Papers No.* 64.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 5th March, 1917, for a Return of—1. Copies of all correspondence, reports and documents in any way relating to the attempted arrest of one John W. Moyes. 2. What steps have been taken to effect such arrest and if it is the intention of the Government to continue its efforts to bring about the arrest of the said John W. Moyes. (*Sessional Papers No.* 65.)

The House then adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, February 7th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House: The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 53.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Macdiarmid, three Petitions of the County Council of Welland.

Mr. Davidson asked the following Question:

1. What amount has been expended up to date on the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, England. 2. How many people are employed on the staff of the said Hospital, and what positions do they hold. 3. How many patients have been treated up to date. 4. How many of the patients were Canadians.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. $1,166,020.99.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:

1. What has been the total amount received by the Provincial Treasurer under the Provincial War Tax Act for the year 1916-1917.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

$2,050,128.39.

On Motion of Mr. Gillespie, seconded by Mr. Davidson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing:— 1. What amount has actually been paid since January 1st, 1917, for war purposes, out of the proceeds of the Provincial War Tax. 2. Shewing how the money has been expended.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time,

The Motion, having been again submitted, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

To His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

The Address, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by those Members of this House who are Members of the Executive Council.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House then adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Friday, February 8th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3.00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Macdiarmid, the Petition of the County Council of Kent; also, the Petition of the County Council of Welland.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the County Council of Carleton, praying that an Act may pass exempting the County and the City of Ottawa from the operation and effect of section 381 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O., cap. 192.

Of the Township Council of Crowland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to construct, maintain and operate a system of Water Works and to enter into a certain contract with the City of Welland.

Of W. G. Athoe and others of Crystal Beach, praying that an Act may pass to detach all that portion of the Village of Crystal Beach lying west of the west limit of sub-division lot No. 29, from the said Village.

Of the City Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law *re* Electric Street Railway System.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass to authorize and carry into effect the provisions of a certain By-law providing for certain changes in Civic Government and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain agreements and by-laws and to authorize the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement with R. R. Gage and others.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law.

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to pass certain by-laws.

Of the Trustees of the Massey Estate and the Methodist Union of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to vest title in certain lands in the Methodist Union of Toronto, and constituting the Union, Trustees in place of the present Trustees.

Of George McKnight and others of Magnetawan, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Of J. B. Nicholson and others of Magnetawan, praying that the Bill before the House to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan may not pass.

Of the Village Council of Merritton, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village as a Town, separate from the County of Lincoln.

Of the Township Council of Oliver, praying that an Act may pass to confirm Assessment Rolls, Tax Sales and Deeds made prior to 31st December, 1916.

Of the Town and Township Councils of Orillia, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain By-laws and Agreements.

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to declare legal and valid a certain By-law guaranteeing Bonds of the King Shoe Company, Limited.

Of the Town Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of the Town Council of Preston, praying that an Act may pass incorporating the Preston Light and Water Commission and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law.

Of the Township Council of Somerville, praying that an Act may pass to declare a certain bridge in the Township, over the Burnt River, to be a bridge on the deviation of the boundary line between the Counties of Victoria and Peterborough.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to empower the Corporation to invest money in hand and to validate a certain agreement.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass penalizing the Toronto Street Railway Company in the sum of five hundred dollars *per* day from the 1st day of January, 1918.

Of George J. Tuckett and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass vesting the residuary estate of the late George Elias Tuckett, in his grandchildren now living.

Of the City Council of Sarnia, praying certain amendments to The Municipal Act respecting the fixing of Fees for Market Places.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Three of the clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the Twelfth day of February instant.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 49), intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a General Purchasing Agent for the Province of Ontario." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That a special Committee of Thirteen Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, a list of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House as follows:—

Messrs. Lucas, Ferguson (Grenville), Preston (Lanark), McCrea, Thompson (Simcoe), McGarry, Macdiarmid, Cameron, Proudfoot, Clarke, Bowman, Ducharme and Hurdman.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That a select Committee of Eleven Members be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library, to be composed as follows:—

Sir William Hearst, and Messieurs Lucas, Macdiarmid, Pyne, Hanna, McGarry, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Elliott, Mageau and Marshall.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That a select Committee be appointed to direct the expenditure of any sum set apart by the Estimates for Art purposes, to be composed as follows:—

Mr. Speaker, Sir William Hearst, and Messieurs Hanna, Macdiarmid, McGarry, Proudfoot, Atkinson and McDonald.

The House then adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the City Council of Port Arthur.

By Mr. Allan (Simcoe), the Petition of the Town Council of Collingwood.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the County Council of Kent; also, of the County Council of Welland, severally praying for certain amendments to the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.

Of the County Council of Welland, praying for certain amendments to the Statute Labour Act.

Of the County Council of Welland; also, of the County Council of Wentworth, severally praying for certain amendments to the Act for the Protection of Sheep.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act amending the Jurors' Act." *Mr. Lucas.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act to extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly until after the close of the War." *Sir William Hearst.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." *Mr. Hilliard.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act to amend the Coroners Act." *Mr. Hilliard.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Sir William Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1917-18, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 12th February, 1918.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. McGarry presented to the House, by Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Public Accounts of the Province for the year ended on 31st October, 1917. (*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1917, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply having been read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Town Council of Gananoque.

By Mr. Henry, the Petition of the Township Councils of Scarborough and Etobicoke.

By Mr. Ducharme, the Petition of the Town Council of Sandwich.

By Mr. Ferguson (Kent), the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That beginning on Monday next and on each succeeding Monday for the remainder of the Session, Government Orders shall be placed upon the Order Paper.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time, it was, on Motion of Mr. Mageau,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Copies of Regulations and Orders-in-Council as required by Section 27 of the Department of Education Act. (*Sessional Papers No. 66.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Thursday, February 14th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3.00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Wigle, the Petition of the County Council of Essex.

By Mr. Cooke, the Petition of the Village Council of Marmora.

By Mr. Shearer, the Petition of the County Council of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Town Council of Collingwood, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to issue certain debentures.

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and Agreements.

Of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain debentures.

The Special Committee appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed a list of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, presented the following List as their Report, which was read:—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Simcoe), Black, Bowman, Cameron, Carew, Chambers, Clarke, Devitt, Dewart, Ducharme, Ecclestone, Edgar, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Grant, Hall (Waterloo), Hanna, Hartt, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Jessop, Lennox, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Magladery, Mason, Mathieu, Mills, McElroy, McFarlan, McGarry, Parliament, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Russell, Thompson (Simcoe)—39.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Hamilton), Allan (Simcoe), Beck, Black, Bowman, Cameron, Cargill, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Davidson,

Dewart, Dunlop, Ecclestone, Eilber, Elliott, Evanturel, Gillespie, Godfrey, Gooderham, Ham, Hay, Hanna, Hall (Lanark), Hartt, Henry, Hilliard, Hoyle, Hurdman, Irish, Jarvis, Jessop, Lennox, Lowe, Macdiarmid, Machin, Mageau, Magladery, Marshall, Martyn, Mason, Mathieu Mills, Munro, Musgrove, McCrea, McDonald, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Pinard, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Robb, Sharpe, Shearer, Sinclair, Studholme, Thompson (Peterborough), Thompson (Simcoe)—69.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Hamilton), Allan (Simcoe), Atkinson, Beck, Bowman, Brower, Calder, Cameron, Clarke, Crawford, Dargavel, Davidson, Dewart, Ducharme, Dunlop, Ecclestone, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Godfrey, Gooderham, Grant, Hall (Lanark), Hall (Waterloo), Hanna, Hay, Henry, Hilliard, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Jarvis, Jessop, Johnson, Lennox, Lowe, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Marshall, Martyn, Mills, Musgrove, McCrea, McDonald, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Parliament, Pinard, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Racine, Rankin, Robb, Rykert, Sharpe, Shearer, Sinclair, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe)—70.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Bennewies, Black, Calder, Cameron, Carew, Carter, Cooke, Davidson, Devitt, Donovan, Edgar, Evanturel, Ferguson (Simcoe), Gillespie, Godfrey, Grieve, Ham, Hall (Waterloo), Hartt, Hay, Henry, Hoyle, Jarvis, Lennox, Lowe, Machin, Mason, Mathieu, Mills, Morel, Munro, Musgrove, Nesbitt, Owens, Parliament, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Robb, Russell, Studholme, Thompson (Peterborough), Wigle—47.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Beck, Bowman, Cameron, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Clarke, Dargavel, Dewart, Donovan, Ducharme, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Gillespie, Godfrey, Hall (Lanark), Hanna, Hartt, Hilliard, Hook, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Lennox, Lucas, Mageau, Machin,

Magladery, Munro, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Owens, Pinard, Price, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rankin, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe) —44.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Hamilton), Allan (Simcoe), Atkinson, Bennewies, Black, Brower, Cameron, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Chambers, Cooke, Crawford, Dargavel, Devitt, Dewart, Ducharme, Dunlop, Ecclestone, Edgar, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Ferguson (Simcoe), Godfrey, Gooderham, Grant, Grieve, Hall (Waterloo), Ham, Hanna, Henry, Hilliard, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Irish, Jarvis, Johnson, Lennox, Macdiarmid, Machin, Marshall, Martyn, Mason, Mills, Musgrove, McDonald, McElroy, McFarlan, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Nixon, Parliament, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Pyne, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Russell, Rykert, Sharpe, Studholme, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe), Wigle—73.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Simcoe), Bennewies, Black, Brower, Calder Cargill, Chambers, Cooke, Dargavel, Davidson, Devitt, Donovan, Ducharme, Ecclestone, Edgar, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Simcoe), Gillespie, Grant, Grieve, Hay, Henry, Jaques, Jessop, Lowe, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Magladery, Marshall, Mathieu, Morel, McDonald, McElroy, McFarlan, Nesbitt, Parliament, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Robb, Sharpe, Shearer, Thompson (Peterborough), Wigle—49.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Messieurs Bennewies, Crawford, Dewart, Donovan, Ferguson (Kent), Hurdman, Jarvis, Lucas, Mason, McDonald, McGarry, Owens, Preston (Lanark), Sulman—14.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five Members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.

Sir William Hearst, Messieurs Allan (Simcoe), Cameron, Dewart, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Hanna, Hay, Hilliard, Lucas, McCrea, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Proudfoot, Pyne, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe)—18.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five Members.

Committee on Fish and Game.

Messieurs Allan (Simcoe), Beck, Black, Brower, Carew, Clarke, Dargavel, Donovan, Ducharme, Dunlop, Ecclestone, Eilber, Grant, Grieve, Hartt, Hurdman, Jessop, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Marshall, Morel, Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Parliament, Preston (Durham), Rankin, Robb, Shearer, Wigle—30.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven Members.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act to amend the Administration of Justice Expenses Act." Mr. Hilliard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Regan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 58), intituled "An Act to amend the Jurors' Act." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act to amend the Mortgagors and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair and that the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time,

The Motion having been again put, was carried, and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sum:—

102. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice, Supreme Court of Ontario $63 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

Friday, February 15th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of the Town Council of Sudbury.

By Mr. Pinard, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Owens, the Petition of Geoffrey T. Clarkson and Allan A. Royce of Toronto.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the Municipality of Paipoonge.

By Mr. Cooke, the Petition of the Deloro Smelting and Refining Company, Limited.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Town Council of Gananoque, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of certain debentures.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass postponing for two years the several times and periods set out in By-law No. 581, granting certain privileges to "Caldwell Limited" and for other purposes.

Of the Township Councils of Scarborough and Etobicoke, praying that an Act may pass authorizing each Township to assess entire cost of establishing and maintaining a water system against the lands within section defined.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

Mr. Preston (Lanark) from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Township Council of Somerville praying that an Act may pass to declare a certain Bridge in the Township over Burnt River, to be a bridge on the deviation of the boundary line between the Counties of Victoria and Peterborough.

Of George McKnight and others praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Of the Trustees of the Massey Estate and the Methodist Union of Toronto praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to vest title to certain lands in the Methodist Union of Toronto and constituting the Union Trustees in place of the present Trustees.

Of the City Council of Fort William praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law *re* Electric Street Railway system.

Of the Township Council of Oliver praying that an Act may pass to confirm Assessment Rolls, Tax Sales and Deeds made prior to 31st December, 1916.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday the twenty-second day of February, instant.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday the twenty-second day of February, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan." Mr. Edgar.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act to declare the bridge on the Bobcaygeon Road, across the Burnt River, at the Village of Kinmount, in the Township of Somerville, to be a bridge on the Boundary Line between the Counties of Victoria and Peterborough." Mr. Mason.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 4), intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the Township of Oliver." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Fort William, 1918." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to Landlord and Tenant." Mr. Allan (Simcoe.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 61), intituled "An Act to amend the Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

103. To defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice	1,654 85
104. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts	6,349 20
190. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous	11,155 75
191. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous	6,002 79

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Monday, February 18th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk has received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Re Bill (No. 10), 1918.

We the Commissioners of Estate Bills to whom was referred Bill (No. 10), 1918, "An Act respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto," beg to report: Presuming the allegations contained in the Preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of the House:

1. It is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.
2. The provisions thereof are proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

As witness our hands this 16th day of February, 1918.

GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE,
C. J. K. B.

WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL,
J. H. C. D.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Deloro Smelting and Refining Company, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Deloro.

Of the County Council of Essex, praying that an Act may pass confirming an Agreement entered into with the Michigan Central Railway Company respecting the use of a spur of said Company.

Of the Village Council of Marmora, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate certain debentures.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to provide by By-law for borrowing upon Debentures without the assent of the electors.

Of the Municipality of Paipoonge, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm assessor's rolls and tax sales.

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of Geoffrey T. Clarkson and Allan H. Royce of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to approve, ratify and confirm a certain Lease made by Trustees under the Will of Richard Stubbs.

Of the County Council of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, praying for certain amendments to the Act for the Protection of Sheep.

The following Bill was read and introduced the first time:—

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act to provide for better regulation of the Public Service." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time: —

Bill (No. 46), To provide for the appointment of Agricultural Representatives.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), To amend the Mining Acts of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 48), To amend the Metal Refining Bounty Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 49), To provide for the appointment of a General Purchasing Agent for the Province of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

106. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto 9,153 27

107.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	7,835 00
108.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London	3,566 25
109.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	3,209 00
110.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	4,155 00
111.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford	5,555 74
112.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay	7,730 77
114.	To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes	1,900 00
115.	To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum	36 58
116.	To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies	2,821 60
118.	To defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville	16,135 00
119.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford	14,705 47
120.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education	5,467 25
121.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville	27,470 00
122.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton	30,880 00
123.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston	12,500 00
124.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London	29,050 00
125.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico	13,410 00
126.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Feeble-Minded, Orillia	16,410 00

127. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene	8,025 00
128. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto	17,330 00
129. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	10,660 00
130. To defray the expenses of the Industries, Ontario Reformatory	1,500 00
131. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females, Toronto	8,650 00
133. To defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Fort William	5,000 00
134. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Institutions	1,711 70
135. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	11,000 00
136. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch	5,000 00
137. To defray the expenses of the Institutes	8,000 00
138. To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch	3,000 00
139. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	9,400 00
140. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College	600 00
141. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Agriculture	49,950 00
142. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College	10,666 00
143. To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall	2,000 00
144. To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department	2,600 00
145. To defray the expenses of the Field Experiments	2,200 00
146. To defray the expenses of the Poultry Department	3,510 00

147. To defray the expenses of the Horticulture Department..	2,000 00
149. To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities	60,119 60
150. To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings Maintenance and Repairs.....	16,780 49
151. To defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, Maintenance and Repairs	1,000 00
152. To defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings.....	20,000 00
153. To defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall	7,584 54
154. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville	17,764 46
155. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton	61,147 60
156. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston	46,000 00
157. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London	44,447 92
158. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico	84,331 35
159. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Feeble-Minded, Orillia	89,456 21
160. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene	15,575 70
161. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto	64,355 00
162. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	41,500 00
163. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females, Toronto	1,500 00
164. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto	2,972 16

165.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	48,373 43
166.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London	1,566 67
167.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	1,200 00
168.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	1,000 00
169.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford	84 28
170.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay	4,803 49
171.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for Deaf, Belleville	29,343 00
172.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford	3,700 00
173.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College	5,197 51
174.	To defray the Expenses of the Horticultural Experimental Station, Vineland Station	34,254 96
175.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College	434 99
186.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Buildings	862 71
187.	To defray the expenses of Public Works, Miscellaneous	33,000 00
188.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Highways	16,584 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 62), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Brower.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Eilber.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Brower.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act." Mr. Musgrove.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 66), intituled "An Act to amend the County Courts' Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, individually and as a body, hereby reaffirm our belief in the righteousness of the cause for which Great Britain and the Allies are fighting, and place on record our approval and endorsation of the clear, courageous, and moderate statement of our war aims recently made by His Majesty's Government. We are convinced that only by the realization of the Allies' aim of peace "based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law" can our enemies' unscrupulous and brutal attempt at domination be frustrated, and the future of civilization assured. We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of the matchless courage and patriotism, and historic military achievements, of our Canadian Overseas Forces on the field of battle. We rejoice to know that during the past year they have taken every objective from the enemy for which they started, and

have not had a single reverse. In the hard-fought battles of Vimy Ridge, Fresnoy, Hill 70, and Passchendaele, Canadian soldiers have won imperishable glory. We gladly testify that the victories won by our heroic sons, their irresistible valor in attack, their unfaltering tenacity in defence, and their cheerful endurance of all the discomfort, weariness, and sufferings of war, have thrilled the Canadian people, and filled our hearts with pride and gratitude. We solemnly acknowledge our lasting debt to those who have laid down their young lives, so full of rare promise, for us and for the great cause at issue. The memory of their sacrifice will never fade. We hereby consecrate ourselves afresh, together with all the resources of this rich and fertile Province of Ontario, to the successful prosecution of the war. To that end, and confident of a patriotic response, we call upon the people of Ontario to place the demands of the war before every other consideration, and by every means in their power to maintain our fighting forces, further increase our agricultural and industrial production, practise to the utmost thrift and avoidance of waste, and thus throw the whole weight of our people and our Province into the scale against our enemies, until the principles for which we are fighting are crowned with victory.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain agreements and By-laws and to authorize the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement with R. R. Gage and others.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law.

Of George J. Tuckett and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass vesting residuary Estate of the late George Elias Tuckett in his grandchildren now living.

Of the Township Councils of Scarborough and Etobicoke, praying that an Act may pass authorizing each Township to assess entire cost of establishing and maintaining a Water System against the lands within section defined.

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass to declare legal and valid a certain By-law guaranteeing Bonds of the King Shoe Company, Limited.

Of the Village Council of Marmora, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate certain debentures.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain By-law.

Of the County Council of Essex, praying that an Act may pass confirming an Agreement entered into with the Michigan Central Railway Company respecting the use of a spur of said company.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Kingston." Mr. Rankin.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 1833 of the Town of Owen Sound." Mr. Cameron.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Hamilton." Mr. Allan (Hamilton.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act to consolidate the Debenture and Floating Debts of the Village of Marmora and to create a Patriotic Fund." Mr. Cooke.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." Mr. Gillespie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 67), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Utilities Act." Mr. Regan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. McDonald.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 69), intituled "An Act allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 52), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 53), To amend The Coroners' Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 55), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 46), To provide for the appointment of Agricultural Representatives, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 49), To provide for the appointment of a General Purchasing Agent for the Province of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

132.	To defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Burwash	60,000 00
176.	To defray the expenses of the Algoma District.....	2,274 50
177.	To defray the expenses of the Kenora District	2,947 10
178.	To defray the expenses of the Manitoulin District.....	1,675 00
179.	To defray the expenses of the Muskoka District	1,125 00
180.	To defray the expenses of the Nipissing District.....	116 05
181.	To defray the expenses of the Parry Sound District.....	1,262 00
182.	To defray the expenses of the Rainy River District.....	1,079 25
183.	To defray the expenses of the Sudbury District	31,884 50
184.	To defray the expenses of the Temiskaming District....	3,000 00
185.	To defray the expenses of the Thunder Bay District....	22,877 90
189.	To defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries	200,504 87

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Also—The Provincial Auditor's Report for the year 1916-1917. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

Also—Statement on the Distribution of the Revised and Sessional Statutes of Ontario, 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No. 67.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 21st, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

Mr. McDonald, the Petition of the County Council of Bruce.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act respecting the County of Essex." Mr. Wigle.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act to amend the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), intituled "An Act to amend the Administration of Justice Expenses Act." Mr. Musgrove.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Highways." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act." Mr. Magladery.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the distribution and sale of Fish taken from the Waters of Ontario. Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

100.	To defray the expenses of the Civil Government.....	$61,328 36
101.	To defray the expenses of Legislation	338 00
105.	To defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education	146,403 80
148.	To defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration	3,112 00
192.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous	18,723 74
193.	To defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys..	144,066 98
194.	To defray the expenses of Mines and Mining	3,085 87
195.	To defray the expenses of Parks	40 50
196.	To defray the expenses of Refund Account	11,073 74
197.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	49,908 36

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Eilber from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions:—

100. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

101. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and thirty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

102. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

103. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

104. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six thousand three hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

105. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred and three dollars and eighty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

106. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand one hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

107. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

108. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

109. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred and nine dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

110. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

111. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventy-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

112. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars and seventy-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

114. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

115. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

116. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical Library and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

118. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

119. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand seven hundred and five dollars and forty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

120. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

121. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand four hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

122. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

123. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

124. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st Otcober, 1918.

125. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand four hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

126. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand four hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

127. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

128. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand three hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

129. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand six hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

130. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Industries, Ontario Reformatory, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

131. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

132. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Burwash, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

133. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Fort William, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

134. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and eleven dollars and seventy cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

135. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

136. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

137. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

138. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

139. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

140. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

141. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-nine thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

142. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

143. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

144. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

145. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

146. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

147. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Horticulture Department for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

148. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand one hundred and twelve dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

149. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

150. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars and forty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

151. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

152. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

153. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

154. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and forty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

155. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand one hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

156. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

157. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand four hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

158. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

159. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

160. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and seventy cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

161. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-four thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

162. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-one thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

163. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

164. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixteen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

165. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-eight thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars and forty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

166. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

167. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

168. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

169. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

170. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred and three dollars and forty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

171. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario School for Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

172. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

173. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

174. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Experimental Station, Vineland Station, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

175. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

176. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Algoma District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

177. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and ten cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Kenora District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

178. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Manitoulin District for the year ending 31st October,1918.

179. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand and one hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Muskoka District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

180. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixteen dollars and five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Nipissing District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

181. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and sixty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Parry Sound District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

182. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand and seventy-nine dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Rainy River District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

183. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sudbury District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

184. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Temiskaming District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

185. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety cents be granted to His Majesty

to defray the expenses of the Thunder Bay District for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

186. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

187. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

188. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

189. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand five hundred and four dollars and eighty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

190. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars and seventy-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

191. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six thousand and two dollars and seventy-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

192. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-three dollars and seventy-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

193. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-four thousand and sixty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Outside Service and Surveys for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

194. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and eighty-five dollars and eighty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

195. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

196. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand and seventy-three dollars and seventy-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

197. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-nine thousand nine hundred and eight dollars and thirty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the One hundred and fifty-sixth and One hundred and eighty-ninth Resolutions be postponed until To-morrow.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 50), Amending The Jurors' Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), To amend the Act to authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House then adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Friday, February 22nd, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cargill, the Petition of Alexander Kramer, and others, of Mildmay.

By Mr. Ducharme, the Petition of the Township Council of Sandwich East.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of W. G. Athoe and others of Crystal Beach, praying that an Act may pass to detach all that portion of the Village of Crystal Beach lying west of the West limit of Subdivision Lot No. 29 from the said village.

Of the County Council of Carleton, praying that an Act may pass exempting the County and the City of Ottawa from the operation and effect of Section 381 of The Municipal Act R.S.O., Cap. 192.

Your Committee recommends that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the 27th day of February, instant, and that the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the 5th day of March next.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the twenty-seventh day of February, instant.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the fifth day of March next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act respecting the County of Carleton." Mr. McElroy.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled "An Act respecting the Police Village of Crystal Beach." Mr. Musgrove.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act respecting Telephone Systems." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act to amend The Bread Sales Act." Mr McCrea.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Pinard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act to amend The Mining Act of Ontario." Mr. Dewart.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 76), intituled "An Act to remove the disqualification of Women as candidates for the Legislative Assembly." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 77), intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act." Mr. McCrea.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 78), intituled "To amend the Act to authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Ham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 60), To amend the Law relating to Landlord and Tenant.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 65), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The House then adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

Monday, February 25th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Fort William.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill Number 6, intituled "An Act Respecting the City of Fort William," the Board begs leave respectfully to report as follows:—

1. The Board finds that in important particulars the provisions of "The Municipal Act" respecting finance have for some years been ignored by the Municipal Council of the City of Fort William, in consequence of which a series of annual deficits on the operation of its street railway system have resulted in a large floating debt.

2. The Board further is of the opinion that in order to relieve the City of Fort William from the accumulated floating debt by which it is now embarrassed, a remedy of the kind offered by the proposed Bill is necessary and should be granted.

3. The Board further is of the opinion that, with a view to preventing in the future an accumulation of annual deficits on the operation of the electric street railway of the City of Fort William, the following section be added to Bill No. 6 as Section 2:

"2. In case there shall be a deficit in the operation of the City's Electric Street Railway in any calendar year subsequent to the year 1917, the Council of the City of Fort William shall include in the estimates of the following year the amount of such deficit and shall in such following year assess and levy on the whole rateable property within the municipality a sum sufficient to pay such deficit and the interests thereon."

4. The Board begs leave respectfully to report that, in the judgment of the Board, with the addition of Section 2 as above set out, it is reasonable that the Bill should be passed by Your Honourable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto,
this Twenty-third Day of February, A.D. 1918.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Fort William, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Township Council of Sandwich East, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Essex Border Utilities Act.

Of Alexander Kramer, and others, of Mildmay, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

Of the County Council of Bruce, praying for certain amendments to the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act respecting the township of Scarborough and the township of Etobicoke." Mr. Henry.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act to impose a tax on Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep." Sir William Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act for the prevention of Venereal Disease." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 81), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. How much money has the Provincial Treasurer been asked to advance up to the present time under the provisions of the Farms Loans Act, 1917.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied:—

Nothing. The Act has never been proclaimed.

Mr. Lowe asked the following Question:—

1. What are the names of those who are upon the Staff of, or employed in any way at the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, and what was the date of each appointment and the age of the appointee at the date of the appointment.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied that,

All appointments to the Ontario Military Hospital, at Orpington are made by the Militia Department of the Dominion Government.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented in the District of Sudbury, in the year 1917, to the following persons, respectively, Albert Harvey, Rinaldo McConnell, Alex. H. Beath and R. J. Tough. 2. On what dates were the said lands, if any, patented. 3. Have any terms been imposed in the Patents granted for any such lands so as to insure the treatment and refining of the Nickel Ores mined upon these properties in the Province of Ontario. 4. Is there any agreement or obligation on the part of the Company in question,

to which any such lands have been granted, which obligates them to carry on mining or other obligations, in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements or obligations and within what time limit must they be performed.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing,

1. What was the amount paid in by each of the following corporations in the year 1917, or the last period of twelve months for which returns are made, for all purposes under the Workmen's Compensation Act, namely:

Massey Harris Co., Ltd.
John Inglis Co., Ltd.
Toronto Carpet Mfg. Co.
Harris Abattoir Co., Ltd.
Park, Blackwell Co., Ltd.
Dominion Radiator Co., Ltd.

2. What amount was paid out in the same period, under the Act, to the employees of each of the said companies, for claims made for injuries during said period.

3. What amount, if any, was held, under the Act, for further payments on claims made in the same period for injuries by such employees of each of the said companies.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 47), To amend The Mining Acts of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 48), To amend The Metal Refining Bounty Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 9.)

The House then adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 1), An Act to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Bill (No. 4), An Act respecting the corporation of the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 10), An Act respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing and of printing the Act in the Statutes, be remitted on Bill (No. 10), "An Act respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto" on the ground that it is one relating to a Religious Institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing and of printing the Act in the Statutes, be remitted on Bill (No. 10), Massey Estate.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 82), intituled "An Act to amend The Bread Sales Act." Mr. Hook.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 83), intituled "An Act respecting the use of the German Language in Ontario." Mr. Godfrey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Health Act." Mr. Hook.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Schools Act." Mr. Irish.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act to amend The Police Magistrates Act." Mr. Hook.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act to amend The Board of Education Act." Mr. Irish.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 54), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 44), To provide for the better regulation of the Public Service.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), To amend The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 58), To amend The Jurors' Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 61), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 63), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 67), To amend The Public Utilities Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 70), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 71), To amend the Act to aid in the Improvement of Highways.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 72), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented in the District of Sudbury to "Sudbury Nickel, Limited" in the year 1917, and on what dates. 2. When was this company incorporated, with what share capital, and with what provisional directors. 3. What stock of the company has been issued (*a*) for cash; (*b*) for transfer of properties or claims, and to whom. 4. Who are the present directors of the company. 5. Have any terms been imposed in the patents granted for any such lands, so as to ensure the treatment and refining

of the nickel ores mined upon any such properties in the Province of Ontario. 6. Is there any agreement or obligation on the part of the company in question to whom any such lands have been granted, which obligates them to carry on mining or other operations in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements or obligations, and within what time limit must they be performed.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—1. What lands in the District of Sudbury, if any, have been granted to "John E. Hodge" of Minneapolis, Minn., in the U.S.A., since the 1st of March, 1917. 2. Is the said "John E. Hodge" connected with or representing any corporate interests, to the knowledge of the Government, and if so, what is the name of the corporation, and who are its officers. 3. Have any terms been imposed in such patents as have been granted, so as to ensure the treatment and the refining of the nickel ores mined upon this property in the Province of Ontario. 4. Is there any agreement, or obligation on the part of the grantees in question, obligating them to carry on mining or other operations in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements and obligations, and within what time limit must they be performed.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented to the Canadian Copper Company in 1917, and at what dates. 2. Has the Government attached any restrictions to the patents granted to the said company, or taken any steps to ensure that the nickel recovered from the properties so granted shall be refined or otherwise treated in the Province of Ontario.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Detailed Report of the Inspector of Insurance for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 10.)

Also—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies' Transactions for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 11.)

Also—Loan Corporations' Statements, being Financial Statements made by Building Societies, Loan Companies, Loaning, Land and Trust Companies for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 12.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 5.)

Also—Report of the Minister of Public Works for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 13.)

Also—Report of the Registrar General on Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers No.* 20.)

Also—Copies of Orders-in-Council in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 6 of section 78 of the Surrogate Courts Act. (*Sessional Papers No.* 68.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, of the 25th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented in the District of Sudbury, in the year 1917, to the following persons, respectively, Albert Harvey, Rinaldo McConnell, Alex. H. Beath and R. J. Tough. 2. On what dates were the said lands, if any, patented. 3. Have any terms been imposed in the Patents granted for any such lands so as to insure the treatment and refining of the Nickel Ores mined upon these properties in the Province of Ontario. 4. Is there any agreement or obligation on the part of the Company in question to which any such lands have been granted, which obligates them to carry on mining or other obligations, in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements or obligations and within what time limit must they be performed. (*Sessional Papers No.* 69.)

The House then adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk has received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 13), Relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

February 26TH, 1918.

To Arthur H. Sydere, Esq.,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto.

Sir,—We the undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estates Bills, have the honour to report to you concerning Bill No. 13, relating to the estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased, as follows:—

Under the Will of the late George Elias Tuckett after providing for certain annuities, the testator directs that the residue of the income derived from his estate shall be held by his trustees and shall, upon the death of the last surviving of his sons, be then divided equally among his grandchildren who shall then be living and shall attain the age of 21 years; this to be after making sufficient provision to provide for the payment of any outstanding annuities.

At the present time there are nine grandchildren who would be entitled to share if they survive Charles Peter Tuckett, who is the only surviving son of the testator at the present time. Charles Peter Tuckett is about 42 years old, married and living separate from his wife. It is not likely there will be any further issue of this marriage, but if he should survive his wife and marry again, it would be possible that he might have issue. There is no possibility of other grandchildren being born as the daughters of the testator are now past child-bearing and their children are all over age.

Save for the possibility of other issue being born to Charles Peter Tuckett and the fact that one grandchild is yet an infant, the grandchildren could agree to an immediate distribution of the funds and could agree that the fund should be distributed among the class without waiting for the ascertainment of survivorship and, as no good purpose could be served by preventing the grandchildren from the present enjoyment of some income from the estate, it appears to us to be reasonable and proper to give assent to what is now suggested, due provision being made to secure the rights of any possible after-born grandchildren.

The Bill as presented, appears to us to go altogether too far in that it does not make any provision for the protection of the rights of after-born grandchildren. We have drawn this to the attention of those interested in promoting the Bill and we forward you herewith an amended Bill and we beg to report to the House that presuming the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill to be proved to the satisfaction of the House, it is reasonable that such Bill, in the amended form, do pass into law and that its provisions are proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE,
C. J. K. B.

W. E. MIDDLETON,
J.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 13), Relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hall (Lanark), The Petition of the Town Council of Smith's Falls.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass to authorize and carry into effect the provisions of a certain By-law providing for certain changes in Civic Government and for other purposes;

Of the City Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and Agreements.

Of the Town Council of Gananoque, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of certain debentures.

Of the Town Council of Preston, praying that an Act may pass incorporating the Preston Light and Water Commission, and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to empower the Corporation to invest money in hand and to validate a certain Agreement.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Township Council of Crowland, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to construct, maintain and operate a system of Water Works and to enter into a certain Contract with the City of Welland, and find that the Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature was published in the "Ontario Gazette" and in two newspapers published in the County of Welland for the full period of six weeks as required by the Rules of Your Honourable House:

Your Committee find, however, that the Petition and Notice do not agree in certain particulars. The Petition prays that an Act may pass "to enable the Township of Crowland to assess the entire cost of establishing a water system and supplying water for the benefit of any section in the Township

against the lands within the section benefited, no part of the cost being borne by the said Corporation at large," while the Notice says, "To require that sixty *per cent.* of the whole cost of the construction of the Trunk Main of any such water system shall be raised by a special rate on all the rateable property in such section or area."

The Petition also prays to bring into force Section 4 of the Act respecting Statute Labour; and also to give the Municipal Council of the Township the same power to license dogs as is given Urban Municipalities. No mention of either of these two matters is made in the Notice.

Your Committee would recommend that when the Bill founded on this Petition comes before the Private Bills Committee for their consideration no greater powers be granted than those of which Notice to the public has been given.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of Alexander Kramer, and others, of Mildmay, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Mildmay and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature was published in the "Ontario Gazette" on the 26th day of January last and on the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd days of February, instant, and also in the "Mildmay Gazette" on the 24th and 31st days of January last and on the 7th, 14th and 21st days of February, instant.

Your Committee find that attached to the Petition is a Declaration purporting to give a correct description of the intended limits of the proposed Village. This description varies somewhat from that shown in the Notice in that it mentions some territory as proposed to be included which is not shown in the Notice.

Your Committee recommend that when the Bill, founded on this Petition, comes before the Private Bills Committee for their consideration their attention be directed to the difference in the description.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Guelph," Mr. Carter.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Preston." Mr. Hall (Waterloo.)

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act respecting The City of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act respecting The Town of Gananoque." Mr. Dargavel.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act respecting The Township of Crowland." Mr. Musgrove.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act respecting The City of Port Arthur" Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act to incorporate The Village of Mildmay." Mr. Cargill.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 88), intituled "An Act to amend The Definition of Time Act." Mr. Hartt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act to amend The Local Improvement Act." Mr. Owens.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915." Mr. Owens.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 1), To incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 4), Respecting the Corporation of the Township of Oliver.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Macdiarmid, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting aid in the improvement of Public Highways.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, The sum of $1,000,000 be hereby set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, and for the payment of grants or expenditures for that purpose, as provided by The Highway Improvement Act, The Ontario Highways Act, The Provincial Highways Act, and any other Act for the construction, acquisition or improvement of Public Highways.

And the said sum shall be in addition to any sum heretofore set apart for the like purpose, and shall be applied and expended in the manner and for the purposes and subject to the terms set out in the Acts referred to in Section (2) or any of them.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, The sum of $1,000,000 be hereby set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, and for the payment of grants or expenditures for that purpose, as provided by The Highway Improvement Act, The Ontario Highways Act, The Provincial Highways Act, and any other Act for the construction, acquisition or improvement of Public Highways.

And the said sum shall be in addition to any sum heretofore set apart for the like purpose, and shall be applied and expended in the manner and for the purposes and subject to the terms set out in the Acts referred to in Section (2) or any of them.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 38), Respecting the improvement of Public Highways.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The One hundred and fifty-sixth Resolution respecting the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, having been again read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Dewart moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Lowe,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but that it be recommitted to the Committee of Supply with instructions to amend the same by striking out the item of number Five, for purchase of additional land, $30,000.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost, and the Resolution was then concurred in.

The One hundred and Eighty-ninth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Game and Fisheries, having been again read, was concurred in.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 44), To provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Sir William Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Further Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1917-18, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, 27TH February, 1918.

(*Sessional Papers, No.* 2.)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. McGarry presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Contract of Agreement made with the Mounce Cartage Company, Limited, relating to the delivery of Mail matter to and from the Toronto Post Office and the Parliament Buildings. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 70.)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, February 28th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 30), An Act respecting the County of Essex.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Your Committee recommend that the fees less the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 2), "An Act to declare the bridge on the Bobcaygeon

Road across the Burnt River at the Village of Kinmount, in the Township of Somerville, to be a bridge on the boundary line between the Counties of Victoria and Peterborough," the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 2), Respecting Burnt River Bridge, in the Township of Somerville.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain agreement dated on the 17th day of January, 1918, made by and between the Mounce Cartage Company, Limited, of the first part, and His Majesty the King of the second part, relating to the conveyance of Mails to and from the Post Office, Toronto, and the Parliament Buildings.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 43), To amend the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

198.	To defray the expenses of the Civil Government.....	$73,559 79
199.	To defray the expenses of Legislation	4,643 16
200.	To defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Ontario	2,950 00
201.	To defray the expenses of the Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice	1,600 00
202.	To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts	25,150 00
203.	To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education	10,428 82
204.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto	3,670 00
205.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	2,289 98

206.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London..	1,560 00
207.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	1,455 00
208.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	1,255 00
209.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford..	1,170 00
210.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay	1,160 00
211.	To defray the expenses of the English-French Professional Training School	2,355 00
212.	To defray the expenses of the High School and Collegiate Institutes	1,573 03
213.	To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum	600 00
214.	To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies	750 00
215.	To defray the expenses of Technical Education	15,000 00
216.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial and other Universities	357,000 00
217.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education	6,430 00
218.	To defray the expenses of the Public Institutions.....	2,350 00
219.	To defray the expenses of Agriculture	23,113 69
220.	To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Departmental Buildings Maintenance	13,200 00
221.	To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall Maintenance	2,650 00
222.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings	1,205 79
223.	To defray the expenses of Public Institutions	51,336 62
224.	To defray the expenses of Educational	948 90

225. To defray the expenses of Agriculture	3,615 01
226. To defray the expenses of Districts	3,674 63
227. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Buildings	500 00
228. To defray the expenses of Public Works	152,335 00
229. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division	50,825 00
230. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division	15,450 00
231. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division	64,350 00
232. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, Temiskaming District	51,655 50
233. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Colonization Roads	36,918 30
234. To defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries	662 89
235. To defray the expenses of the Attorney General's Department, Miscellaneous	8,148 55
236. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous	44,925 00
237. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous	28,015 50

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Friday, March 1st, 1918.

Prayers. 3 O'Clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cooke, the Petition of George E. Blake and others; also, the Petition of Patrick Doyle and Annie McCallum, all of Deloro.

The following Petition was received and read:—

Of the Town Council of Smith's Falls, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their floating debt.

Mr. McGarry, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 53), To amend The Coroners' Act.

Bill (No. 57), To amend The Act to Authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 54), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

Bill (No. 56), To amend The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.

Bill (No. 59), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. McElroy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 92), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act. Mr. Pinard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 93), intituled "An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 94), intituled "An Act to abolish Property Qualification of Candidates for Municipal Office." Mr. Musgrove.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 74), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 77), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 78), To amend the Act to authorize and regulate the use of Traction Engines on Highways.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 82), To amend The Bread Sales Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 85), To amend The Public Schools Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 86), To amend The Police Magistrates Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 30), Respecting the County of Essex.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 1), To incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Bill (No. 4), Respecting the Corporation of the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices, for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 7.)

Also—Report of the Department of Public Highways for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 15.)

Also—Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 19.)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Archives for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 52.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 26th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. What lands in the District of Sudbury, if any, have

been granted to "John E. Hodge" of Minneapolis, Minn., in the U.S.A., since the 1st of March, 1917. 2. Is the said "John E. Hodge" connected with or representing any corporate interests, to the knowledge of the Government, and if so, what is the name of the corporation, and who are its officers. 3. Have any terms been imposed in such patents as have been granted, so as to ensure the treatment and the refining of the nickel ores mined upon this property in the Province of Ontario. 4. Is there any agreement, or obligation on the part of the grantees in question, obligating them to carry on mining or other operations in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements and obligations, and within what time limit must they be performed. (*Sessional Papers. No.* 71.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 26th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented in the District of Sudbury to "Sudbury Nickel, Limited" in the year 1917, and on what dates. 2. When was the company incorporated, with what share capital, and with what provisional directors. 3. What stock of the company has been issued (*a*) for cash; (*b*) for transfer of properties or claims, and to whom. 4. Who are the present directors of the company. 5. Have any terms been imposed in the patents granted for any such lands, so as to ensure the treatment and refining of the nickel ores mined upon any such properties in the Province of Ontario. 6. Is there any agreement or obligation on the part of the company in question to whom any such lands have been granted, which obligates them to carry on mining or other operations in the Province of Ontario, and if so what are the agreements or obligations, and within what time limit must they be performed. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 72.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 26th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. What lands, if any, have been patented to the Canadian Copper Company in 1917, and at what dates. 2. Has the Government attached any restrictions to the patents granted to the said company, or taken any steps to ensure that the nickel recovered from the properties so granted shall be refined or otherwise treated in the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 73.)

The House then adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

Monday, March 4th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of George E. Blake, and others; also, of Patrick Doyle and Annie McCallum, all of Deloro, severally praying that the Bill before the House to incorporate the Village of Deloro may pass.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. When was the Charter granted to what is now known as the Union Stock Yards. 2. What powers were given the Company. 3. Were any restrictions imposed as to charges in the Charter.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. This company was originally incorporated on the 4th day of November, 1908, under the name of National Provision Agency, Limited. An Order was passed, dated 29th day of June, 1910, changing the name to that of Union Stock Yords of Toronto, Limited. 2. (*a*) To buy, sell and generally deal in live stock and the manufactured products thereof and in farm products generally; (*b*) To acquire, construct, equip and operate markets, abattoirs, cold storage and packing houses and to construct and operate switches, tramways and other means of transportation for live stock and such product upon the Company's premises and from the same to the railway, and (*c*) To make advances on the security of live stock or the manufactured product thereof or other farm products consigned to or stored with the Company and to insure the same against loss or damage by fire or otherwise. 3. No.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 30), Respecting the County of Essex, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 53), To amend The Coroners' Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 54), To amend the Administration of Justice Expenses' Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 56), To amend The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 59), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1918, the following sums:—

238.	To defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands....	105,833 88
239.	To defray the expenses of Refund Account	7,305 12
240.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	7,363 00
241.	To defray the expenses of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario	9,054,951 00
242.	To defray the expenses of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission	686,711 82

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Donovan, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following further Resolutions:—

198. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventy-three thousand five hundred and fifty-nine dollars seventy-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

199. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand six hundred and forty-three dollars and sixteen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

200. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

201. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

202. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

203. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

204. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

205. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

206. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

207. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

208. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

209. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

210. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand one hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

211. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of English-French Professional Training Schools for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

212. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and seventy-three dollars and three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

213. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

214. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

215. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

216. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial and Other Universities for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

217. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six thousand four hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

218. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

219. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

220. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings Maintenance and Repairs for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

221. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, Maintenance and Repairs, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

222. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and five dollars and seventy-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

223. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

224. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and forty-eight dollars and ninety cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Educational for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

225. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars and one cent be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1918

226. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand six hundred and seventy-four dollars and sixty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Districts, Repairs for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

227. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

228. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-two thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

229. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

230. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

231. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

232. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, Temiskaming District, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

233. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand nine hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

234. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

235. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney General's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

236. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

237. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand and fifteen dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

238. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and five thousand eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

239. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand three hundred and five dollars and twelve cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

240. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

241. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Nine Million and fifty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

242. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and eighty-six thousand seven hundred and eleven dollars and eighty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time, were concurred in.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 41), Respecting Telephone Systems.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 39), To impose a tax on Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

The House then adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Hall (Waterloo), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Village Council of Merritton, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village as a Town, separate from the County of Lincoln.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass penalizing the Toronto Street Railway Company in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars *per* day from the First day of January, 1918.

Of the Town Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of the Town Council of Orillia, and the Township Council of Orillia, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain By-laws and Agreements.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to provide by By-laws for borrowing Debentures without the assent of the electors.

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to pass certain By-laws.

Of the Town Council of Collingwood, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to issue certain Debentures.

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of Geoffrey T. Clarkson, and Allan H. Royce, praying that an Act may pass to approve, ratify and confirm a certain lease made by Trustees under the Will of Richard Stubbs.

Your Committee recommends that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be further suspended in this that the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 12th day of March, instant.

Mr. Hall (Waterloo), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Deloro Smelting and Refining Company praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Deloro, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has appeared in the issue of the "Ontario Gazette" of the 23rd day of February last and on the 2nd day of March instant, and that the said Notice has also appeared in the issue of the "Marmora Herald," a newspaper published in the Township wherein the lands proposed to be incorporated are situate, on the 21st day of February last, and a Declaration has been fyled before Your Committee showing that each of the said Papers has been instructed to publish the said Notice for six weeks. Your Committee have also had fyled before them a Declaration showing that fifty Posters containing a copy of the Notice have been posted conspicuously in and throughout the Township of Marmora. A Declaration has also been fyled declaring that a letter, a copy of which is attached, dated February 26th, 1918, was sent by registered mail, by the Solicitors for the Petitioners, to the Township Clerk of

Marmora and Lake, with a request to submit this letter and the enclosed Documents to the Reeve and Council without delay; the Documents said to have been enclosed are "Copies of the Petition to the Legislative Assembly, and of the proposed Special Act and a copy of the notice of intention to apply for the Special Act. They contain a description of the district to be incorporated and set forth all the powers of a special nature asked for." The letter also states that two pieces of land proposed to be included in the Limits of the Corporation are not owned by the Company, but that the Owners thereof are joining in a Petition in support of the Bill.

Your Committee find that in neither the Petition, the Notice in the "Ontario Gazette," nor in the "Marmora Herald," nor in the Posters, is the land proposed to be incorporated described by metes or bounds or by lots and concessions, it being only described as "A district containing about two hundred acres of land, owned by the said Company, and situate in the Township of Marmora, in the County of Hastings."

As all the parties said to be the owners of the land proposed to be incorporated have signified their consent by signing Petitions in support of the Bill, and as the Municipal Council, through their Clerk, is said to have been notified of the proposed Legislation and a copy of the Bill containing a description of the limits of the proposed incorporation forwarded to them, Your Committee are of the opinion that sufficient publicity has been given and would therefore recommend that the rule requiring six weeks notice be suspended in this case and that the notice be held sufficient.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 3), An Act respecting the City of Guelph.

Bill (No. 6), An Act respecting the City of Fort William, 1918.

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Township of Crowland.

Bill (No. 29), An Act respecting the Township of Scarborough and the Township of Etobicoke.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 17), An Act respecting the Police Village of Crystal Beach.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended to and inclusive of Tuesday, 12th March, instant.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills, be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the Twelfth day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of Merritton and to separate the same from the jurisdiction of the County of Lincoln." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 12), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Perth." Mr. Hall (Lanark.)

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood." Mr. Allan (Simcoe.)

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." Mr. Russell.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act respecting the Town and Township of Orillia." Mr. Hartt.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act respecting the City of London." Sir Adam Beck.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." Mr. Pinard.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury." Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Deloro." Mr. Cooke.

Referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes." Mr. Russell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act respecting assessment in certain Municipalities and to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Crawford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act to amend the Forest Fire Protection Act." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 98), Respecting Surveys and Plans in or near Urban Municipalities. Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 64), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 68), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), Respecting Telephone Systems, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 38), To amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 88), To amend the Definition of Time Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 40), For the prevention of Venereal Disease.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows:—

Messieurs Lucas, Nixon, Jaques, Martyn, Godfrey, Jessop, Robb, Sinclair, McRae, McKeown, Marshall, Carter, Elliott and Ducharme.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 51), To extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly until the close of the War, having been read,

Sir William Hearst moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Question having been put, was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Allan (Hamilton)
Allan (Simcoe)
Atkinson
Bennewies
Black
Cargill
Chambers
Clarke
Cooke
Dargavel
Devitt
Donovan
Ducharme
Ecclestone
Eilber
Elliott
Ferguson (Simcoe)
Ferguson (Kent)
Ferguson (Grenville)
Gillespie
Grant
Grieve
Hall (Waterloo)
Ham
Hartt
Hearst
Henry
Hilliard
Hook
Irish
Jaques
Jarvis
Lowe
Lucas
McCrea
McDonald
McElroy
McFarlan
McGarry
McKeown
Macdiarmid
Mageau
Magladery
Martyn
Mason
Mathieu
Mills
Musgrove
Owens
Parliament
Proudfoot
Rankin
Regan
Robb
Sinclair
Studholme
Thompson (Simcoe)
Thompson (Peterboro)
Wigle—59

NAYS 1.

Dewart—1.

PAIRS.

NONE.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Interim Report on Venereal Diseases and copy of an Act for the prevention of Venereal Disease by the Honourable Frank Egerton Hodgins, Commissioner. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 74.)

The House then adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Town of Preston, and

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

The Reports were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of Sections Nos. 6 to 13 of Bill (No. 8, 1918), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Preston," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House, provided

that Section 9 of the Bill is first amended by inserting after the word "levy" in the first line thereof the words "and collect."

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Fifth
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of Bill (No. 16, 1918), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the Judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Fifth
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Town of Preston and Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Gananoque, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act to amend The School Laws." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 51), To extend the duration of the present Legislative Assembly until after the close of the War, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 38), To amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills was severally read the second time: —

Bill (No. 66), To amend The County Courts Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 84), To amend The Public Health Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 94), To abolish Property Qualification of Candidates for Municipal Office.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 79), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 81), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 62) To amend The Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 89), To amend The Local Improvement Act having been read,

Ordered That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 90), To amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915, having been read,

Ordered That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Pinard asked the following Question:—

1. Has the Firm of "Young & McCoy" whose account for legal services, *re* Separate School Board—Ottawa *vs.* Mackel *et al,* and other matters, appear on Page 556 of the Public Accounts for 1916-1917 at $8,225.93 any connection with "McGregor Young" whose name appears on Page 669 as having received $10,000 for services as a member of the Royal Nickel Commission, and who received $1,469.39 for expenses and allowance as a member of same Commission in 1916.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Dewart asked the following Question:—

1. Have any appointments been made during 1917 and 1918 to the Police Force in Queen Victoria Park at Niagara Falls, Ontario. If so, what are the names, ages, previous occupations, and salaries of those who have been appointed. 2. Are said Appointees (if any) returned soldiers.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1. Yes. Two appointments to the Police Force in Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park were made in 1917 by the Board of Commissioners as follows:—F. G. Preston, appointed to motor cycle police, July 21st, 1917. Age when appointed 45 years; previous occupation, Foreman painter employed on Park staff, but transferred to Police Force; Salary $75 *per* month. Wm. A. Dell, appointed to Park Police, August 21st, 1917. Age when appointed 47 years; previous occupation, farmer; Salary $65 *per* month.

On Motion of Mr. Ham, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. How many civil servants were released during the past year for work on Ontario farms. 2. What are the names of such employees. 3. How long were they so employed. 4. What are the names of the parties by whom they were employed.

The House then adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 7th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Sir William Hearst from the Select Committee of this House appointed to consider and report on the celebration of the Fiftieth year of Confederation, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee, as directed, consulted with the Committee appointed by the Parliament of Canada and was advised that under existing war conditions it was considered that the occasion should be marked by a general and quiet observation, by official demonstrations in various capitals and by patriotic gatherings in local centres.

In pursuance of this plan His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to issue a proclamation setting forth that the occasion called for fitting recognition by grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God of the blessings we have enjoyed as a nation, and by public and patriotic demonstrations in various parts of the Province. His Honour furthermore requested and urged all persons concerned to act accordingly.

Inasmuch as the Public and Separate Schools would be closed for vacation at the date set apart for the celebration, instructions were issued by the Minister of Education that the Jubilee of Confederation should be celebrated in the schools of the Province on Empire Day, Wednesday, May 23rd. By his direction an illustrated pamphlet containing material for the exercises of the day was prepared by a Committee of Teachers and issued to all the schools of the Province and the occasion was generally observed.

By request of the Federal authorities, the Public Libraries, were furnished with copies of the pamphlet issued by the Dominion Government in connection with the Jubilee of Confederation.

The Department of Education secured reproductions of the painting entitled "Fathers of Confederation," by Harris, which were framed and sent to all the schools of the Province.

Your Committee invited representatives of the City of Toronto, the Board of Education, the Board of Trade and various military, national, and labour organizations, to confer regarding the celebration in the City of Toronto.

Arrangements were made for a public celebration in Toronto under the auspices of the Provincial Government, the City of Toronto, and various local organizations. For the purpose, the City of Toronto permitted the use of the Canadian National Exhibition grounds and Grand Stand, and made an appropriation towards defraying the expenses jointly with the Province.

Special services were held in many Churches on Sunday, July 1st, throughout the Province, when the gratitude of the people for the blessings vouchsafed to Canada, as a nation, found general expression.

On Monday, July 2nd, the official celebration took place on the Toronto Exhibition grounds. A notable feature of the occasion was the singing, by the children of the Toronto schools, of a number of patriotic selections which were rendered with marked fervour and enthusiasm. In the absence from the City, of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the gathering was presided over by Sir Mortimer Clark, former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and was addressed by Sir William Hearst, Mr. N. W. Rowell, Mr. T. L. Church, Mayor of Toronto, and Dr. Falconer, President of the University of Toronto. The presence of various units of the forces enlisted for Overseas Service, many veterans of the war, and a number of national and patriotic societies as well as a large representation of the public made the occasion an impressive one and brought the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of Confederation to a fitting climax. Other celebrations held in various centres were organized by local authorities and efficiently carried out.

By instructions of the Government, Mr. F. S. Challener, R.C.A., is executing a copy of the original painting of the "Fathers of Confederation," by Robert Harris, R.C.A. Mr. Challener's painting, when completed, will be hung in a suitable place in the Parliament Buildings.

It is recommended that the Deputy Minister of Education, with such committee to assist him as may be deemed advisable, be appointed to collect literary material and records relative to Confederation, for publication in permanent form.

Your Committee desire to thank all who assisted in these various celebrations and to record its appreciation of the generous help it received in making the Semi-Centennial of Confederation a success.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 13), An Act relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

Bill (No. 36), An Act to incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 14), An Act to confirm By-law No. 1833 of the Town of Owen Sound.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the 15th day of March, instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from the Committee on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the fifteenth day of March, instant.

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 70), "An Act to amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act," and beg to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 82), "An Act to amend The Bread Sales Act," and beg to report the same with amendments.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bills (Nos. 65, 72, and 77), "To amend The Statute Labour Act," and such of the provisions of Bills 65 and 77 as have been approved of have been embodied in Bill (No. 72), which the Committee begs to report with certain amendments.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs." Mr. Owens.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act to amend the Surrogate Courts' Act." Mr. Hilliard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to amend The Registry Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 104), intituled "An Act respecting the settlement of Claims arising out of the use of Land for Industrial and Mining Purposes." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 105), intituled "An Act to amend The Lands Titles Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act to amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Township of Crowland.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1918.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the Township of Scarborough and the Township of Etobicoke.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Village of Crystal Beach.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 91), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 73), To amend The Bread Sales Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On Motion of Mr. Ham, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Public Works, or any other members of the Government, or any official thereof, and any person or persons, and copies of any reports received by the Government, relating to the floods on the Grand River, since the return brought down by the House on the 3rd of April, 1913, being a preliminary study of the subject by H. G. Acres, of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. How many persons who have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment under the Ontario Temperance Act have been discharged without completing the term for which they were sentenced. 2. How many persons fined under the said Act have had their fines or some portion thereof remitted.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of Peterborough, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bureau of Labour of the Province of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 16.)

Also—Report of the Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 17.)

Also—Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts in Ontario during the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 28.)

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 84), An Act to amend The Public Health Act, and Bill (No. 85), An Act to amend The Public Schools Act, and beg to report the same with certain Amendments.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 107), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Russell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to amend The Local Improvement Act." Mr. McElroy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Cameron.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 110), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Ham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 111), intituled "An Act to provide for Development Work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Preston (Lanark),

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Russell be added to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act to authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 100), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 75), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 80), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 13), Relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 36), To incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 14), To confirm By-law No. 1833 of the Town of Owen Sound.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 70), To amend the Administration of Justice Expenses Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Village of Crystal Beach, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Lowe,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any officer or official thereof, and any person or persons, in reference to the purchase of additional land and the erection of buildings thereon, and all items in connection therewith, referred to in Vote No. 156 relating to the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, appearing on Page 35 of the Supplementary Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending October 31st, 1918.

Sir William Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1919, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, March 8th, 1918.

(*Sessional Papers, No.* 2.)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 3.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 6.)

Also—Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 29.)

Also—Annual Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 30.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 31.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 32.)

Also—Report of Stallion Enrollment Board of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 33.)

Also—Report of the Vegetable Growers' Association for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 34.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Corn Growers for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 35.)

Also—Report of Entomological Society of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 36.)

Also—Report of the Bee Keepers' Association for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 37.)

Also—Report of the Dairymen's Association of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 38.)

Also—Report of the Agricultural Societies of the Province for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 42.)

Also—Report of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 43.)

Also—Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 44.)

Also—Report of the Horticultural Experiment Station, Vineland Station, Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 45.)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Industries for the Province of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 46.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 7th March, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Public Works, or any other members of the Government, or any official thereof, and any person or persons, and copies of any reports received by the Government, relating to the floods on the Grand River, since the return brought down by the House on the 3rd of April, 1913, being a preliminary study of the subject by H. G. Acres of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 75.)

The House then adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Monday, March 11th, 1918.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk, having announced to the House,

That Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent and unable to take the Chair, and having requested the House to nominate a Member to take the Chair,

Sir William Hearst then moved, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

That the Honourable the Speaker, being unable to be present at the meeting of this House To-day, this House doth, under the provisions of the Statute in such case made and provided, elect the Honourable Thomas Crawford to take the Chair and preside as Speaker for this day.

And the Motion having been put, by the Clerk, was declared carried unanimously, and

The Honourable Mr. Crawford, having then taken the Chair in accordance therewith, the Mace was laid upon the Table:

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Village of Marmora.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of Bill (No. 20), 1918, intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Marmora," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House, provided it is amended in the particulars set out in the copy of the Bill hereto annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. MCINTYRE,
Chairman.

A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Eleventh
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Village of Marmora, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestion of The Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 112), intituled "An Act to amend The Truancy Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend The Marriage Act." Mr. Godfrey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes." Mr. Allan (Hamilton.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Highways Act." Mr. Mills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act to amend the Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 117), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Schools Act." Mr. Mills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), intituled "An Act for the better development and preservation of Fuel Resources in Ontario." Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Guelph.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 93), For the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 97), To amend The Forest Fire Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), To amend the School Laws.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Township of Crowland.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Fort William, 1918.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the Township of Scarborough and the Township of Etobicoke.

Bill (No. 14), To Confirm By-law No. 1833 of the Town of Owen Sound.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 82), To amend The Bread Sales Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 43), To amend the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Owens reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

Report of the Live Stock Association for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 39.)

Also—Report of the Women's Institutes of the Province for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 41.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year 1916. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 50.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of 25th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. What was the amount paid in by each of the following corporations in the year 1917, or the last period of twelve months for which returns are made, for all purposes under the Workmen's Compensation Act, namely: Massey Harris Co., Ltd., John Inglis Co., Ltd., Toronto Carpet Mfg. Co., Harris Abattoir Co., Ltd., Park, Blackwell Co., Ltd., Dominion Radiator Co., Ltd. 2. What amount was paid out in the same period under the Act to the employees of each of the said companies, for claims made for injuries during the said period. 3. What amount, if any, was held, under the Act, for further payments on claims made in the same period for injuries by such employees of each of the said companies. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 76.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 27th February, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any officer or official thereof, and any person or persons, in reference to the purchase of additional land and the erection of buildings thereon, and all items in connection therewith, referred to in Vote No. 156 relating to the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, appearing on Page 35 of the Supplementary Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending October 31st, 1918. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 77.)

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1918.

Prayers. 3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass postponing for two years the several times and periods set out in By-law No. 581, granting certain privileges to "Caldwell Limited," and for other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Sandwich East, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Essex Border Utilities Act.

Of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain debentures.

Mr. Preston (Lanark), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Smith's Falls, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their floating debt, and find that Notice of the proposed Application to this Legislature has appeared in the issues of the "Ontario Gazette" of March the second and ninth, and in the issue of the "Smith's Falls News" of February the twenty-seventh and March the sixth; Your Committee have had a Declaration filed before them showing that instructions have been given the publishers of each of the said newspapers to publish the said Notice for six consecutive weeks.

Your Committee are of the opinion that no private rights will be injuriously affected by the proposed Legislation and they would therefore recommend that the Notices as published be held sufficient.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain Amendments:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without Amendments:—

Bill (No. 16), An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Bill (No. 22), An Act respecting the Town and Township of Orillia.

Bill (No. 31), An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich." Mr. Ducharme.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie." Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich East." Mr. Ducharme.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls." Mr. Hall (Lanark.)

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act to amend the Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915." Mr. Hilliard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act amending The Public Health Act." Mr. Hurdman.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to amend The Factory, Shop and Office Building Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to amend The Assessment Act." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act to amend The Upper Canada College Act." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting development in Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to raise by way of a loan, a sum of money not exceeding Five Million Dollars, in addition to the amount provided for by The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1912, and the proceeds of the loan hereby authorized, and any payment remaining unexpended, and the proceeds of any loan made under the said Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1912, shall be applied for the purposes set out in the Act of 1912 and in The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1915, The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1916, The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1917, and The Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Settlement Act, and for the purposes following, that is to say:—

(*a*) The purchase of seed grains, seed potatoes, and agricultural implements for sale or distribution to settlers or farmers.

(*b*) The purchase of cattle and other live stock for sale or distribution to settlers and farmers and the feeding and care of same.

(*c*) The purchase of lands, easements, rights of way, buildings and structures deemed necessary to the development of Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

(*d*) The erection and equipment of schools and other public buildings and payment of salaries, wages and expenses of persons employed in connection therewith.

(*e*) In every work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario for which no other provision is made, and which may be authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister.

(*f*) For making loans to assist in the erection and operation of creameries, cheese factories, grist mills and other like associations.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is authorized to raise by way of a loan, a sum of money not exceeding Five Million Dollars, in addition to the amount provided for by The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1912, and the proceeds of the loan hereby authorized, and any payment remaining unexpended, and the proceeds of any loan made under the said Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1912, shall be applied for the purposes set out in the Act of 1912 and in The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1915, The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, 1916, The Northern and Northwestern

Ontario Development Act, 1917, and The Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Settlement Act, and for the purposes following, that is to say:—

(*a*) The purchase of seed grains, seed potatoes, and agricultural implements for sale or distribution to settlers or farmers.

(*b*) The purchase of cattle and other live stock for sale or distribution to settlers and farmers and the feeding and care of same.

(*c*) The purchase of lands, easements, rights of way, building and structures deemed necessary to the development of Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

(*d*) The erection and equipment of schools and other public buildings and payment of salaries, wages and expenses of persons employed in connection therewith.

(*e*) In every work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario for which no other provision is made, and which may be authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister.

(*f*) For making loans to assist in the erection and operation of creameries, cheese factories, grist mills and other like associations.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 111), To provide for development work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 92), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 109), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 110), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 102), To amend The Surrogate Courts Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 104), Respecting the Settlement of Claims arising out of the use of Land for Industrial and Mining Purposes.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 105), To amend The Land Titles Act.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 97), To amend The Forest Fire Protection Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), For the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 14.)

The House then adjourned at 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 15), Respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Town of Perth.

The Reports were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of Bill (No. 15), 1918, intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House, provided it is amended in the particulars set out in the copy of the Bill hereto annexed, and further-

more upon this condition, that the Provincial and Municipal Auditor, do make an audit of the books, accounts, vouchers and money of the said municipality of the Town of Collingwood in the hands of the Treasurer and Collector thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Thirteenth
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario and Railway Municipal Board, of Bill (No. 12), 1918, intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Perth," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All which is respecfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.
A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Eleventh
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 15), Respecting the Town of Collingwood, and Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Town of Perth, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Mr. Lucas, from the Select Committee, to which was referred Bill (No. 40), For the prevention of Venereal Disease, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the Bill to them referred, and have prepared certain Amendments thereto.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend The Highways Travel Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 131), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Temperance Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 132), intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act." Mr. Regan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 133), intituled "An Act to amend The Fish and Game Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 134), intituled "An Act to amend The Power Commission Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 135), intituled "An Act to amend The Succession Duties Act, R.S.O., 1914." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 136), intituled "An Act for raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 1), To incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

Bill (No. 4), Respecting the Corporation of the Township of Oliver.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 10), Respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Township of Crowland.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the Township of Scarborough and the Township of Etobicoke.

Bill (No. 14), To confirm By-law No. 1833 of Town of Owen Sound.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. When will the report of the auditors, who were appointed to audit the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, be presented to the House.

And the Attorney General replied as follows:—

It is expected the Auditors will complete their report up to October 31st, 1917, in about two months, and it will be available for the public as soon thereafter as it can be printed.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. How much was paid by the Counties for the salaries of the District Medical Health Officers, in the last year.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied in the figures following:—

$16,300.99.

Mr. Ducharme asked the following Question:—

1. What fishing rights (if any) have been granted in Lake Abitibi. 2. To whom. 3. For what territory. 4. For what term of years; and on what terms of payment.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1. Thirteen Pound Nets, 6,000 yards Gill Nets, 12 sets Hoop Nets. 2. E. N. Bartlett, Gentles & Ferris, C. A. Gentles. 3. Lower Abitibi Lake. 4. All licenses terminate the 31st day of December each year. Terms, $50 for each Pound Net, $25 for Motor Boat license of 2,000 yards and $5 for each set of Hoop Nets.

Mr. Dewart asked the following Question:—

1. What acreage of land is now held by the Crown connected with or adjacent to the Kingston Hospital for the Insane. 2. What portion of this land, if any, is used for farming purposes. 3. Is any portion of this land leased to any person or Corporation, and if so, what quantity of land, at what annual rental, from what date, and for what term of years. 4. What is the location as to Township and Lot number of the farm which it is proposed to purchase in regard to which a sum of $30,000 was placed in the Estimates.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following:—

1. One hundred and sixty-four acres. 2. One hundred and six acres. 3. No portion of this land is under lease. 4. No decision has been reached as to the purchase of any particular farm. Lot 10, Concession 1, broken front, Township of Kingston, has been under consideration.

On Motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Jessop,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the names of all Coroners, and their addresses in the City of Toronto, also the number of inquests held by each one, each year during the last five years, namely, from January 1st, 1912, until December 31st, 1918, also the amount of money each received, each year during the period named for their services as Coroners.

On Motion of Mr. Racine, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all communications and correspondence between the Attorney General, J. H. Rodd, Crown Attorney for the County of Essex, Dr. St. Pierre, and H. C. Maisonville of Windsor, Ontario, in the matter of an alleged conspiracy on the part of the said J. H. Rodd against the said St. Pierre and Maisonville in connection with the trouble which occurred at Ford City, Ontario, on or about the eighth day of September, 1917, and which led to the arrest of the said St. Pierre.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 57), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 72), To amend The Statute Labour Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 84), To amend The Public Health Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were read the second time:—

Bill (No. 98), Respecting Surveys and Plans in or near Urban Municipalities.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 108), To amend The Local Improvement Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Town of Preston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the City of London.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Town and Township of Orillia.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 96), Respecting Assessment in Certain Municipalities and to amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 69), Allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 13), Relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

Bill (No. 36), To Incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1919, the following sums:—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office	$5,450 00
2. To defray the expenses of the Department of Prime Minister and President of the Council	18,625 00
3. To defray the expenses of the Attorney General's Department	88,500 00
4. To defray the expenses of the Education Department....	51,850 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.20 p.m.

Thursday, March 14th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk has received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

Toronto, March 12TH, 1918.

To Arthur H. Sydere, Esq.,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto.

Sir,—We the undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estate Bills, report that we have considered Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs, and the Petition and consents forwarded therewith, and, in our opinion, presuming the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill to be proved to the satisfaction of the House, it is reasonable that such Bill, as amended by us, do pass into law and in our opinion the provisions thereof are proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

W. E. MIDDLETON, J.

H. T. KELLY, J.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without Amendment:—

Bill (No. 12), An Act respecting the Town of Perth.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain Amendments:—

Bill (No. 15), An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 20), An Act to consolidate the Debenture and Floating Debts of the Village of Marmora and to create a Patriotic Fund.

Bill (No. 28), An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill (No. 34), An Act to incorporate the Village of Deloro.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich East.

Your Committee recommend that the time for receiving Reports on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 19th day of March, instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 19th day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 137), intituled "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act respecting Elections to the Assembly." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "The Public Health Amendment Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 104), Respecting the settlement of Claims arising out of the use of Land for Industrial and Mining Purposes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 105), To amend The Land Titles Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 111), To provide for Development Work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), For the better development and preservation of Fuel Resources in Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 116), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Guelph.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Town and Township of Orillia.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1919, the following sums:—

5.	To defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines Department	223,000 00
6.	To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department	166,690 00
7.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Highways	77,000 00
8.	To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Department	50,075 00
9.	To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department	84,950 00
10.	To defray the expenses of the Audit Office	36,850 00
11.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department	243,235 00
12.	To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture	91,200 00
13.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	26,275 00
14.	To defray the expenses of Legislation	328,700 00
15.	To defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Ontario	101,025 00
16.	To defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice	465,745 00
17.	To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts	231,090 00
18.	To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education (Details)	1,487,080 00
19.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto	94,477 00
20.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa	64,720 00
21.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London	33,700 00
22.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton	29,060 00
23.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough	30,190 00
24.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford	29,750 00
25.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay	49,090 00

26. To defray the expenses of the English-French Professional Training Schools	29,325 00
27. To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes	164,900 00
28. To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum	21,850 00
29. To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies	88,500 00
30. To defray the expenses of Technical Education	158,000 00
31. To defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers	53,650 00
32. To defray the expenses of the Provincial and Other Universities	47,200 00
33. To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville	101,710 00
34. To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford	81,530 00
35. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	26,100 00
36. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville	198,307 00
37. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton	268,350 00
38. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston	165,100 00
39. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	243,660 00
40. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico	150,475 00
41. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia	172,052 00
42. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene	89,543 00
43. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto	276,552 00
44. To defray the expenses of the Reception Hospital for the Insane, Toronto	15,500 00
45. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock	66,726 00

46. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory	7,000 00
47. To defray the expenses of the Industries, Ontario Reformatory	133,900 00
48. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females	58,970 00
49. To defray the expenses of the Industries, Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females	10,000 00
50. To defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Burwash..	100,000 00
51. To defray the expenses of the Industrial Farm, Fort William	25,000 00
52. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	58,225 00
53. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies	165,750 00
54. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch.....	51,850 00
55. To defray the expenses of Institutes	33,800 00
56. To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch	145,800 00
57. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch	64,500 00
58. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College	31,650 00
59. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	192,150 00
60. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College	192,641 00
61. To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall	45,990 00
62. To defray the expenses of Forestry	1,000 00
63. To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department	26,550 00
64. To defray the expenses of Field Experiments	20,705 00
65. To defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy Department	11,056 00
66. To defray the expenses of Dairy School	8,165 00
67. To defray the expenses of Poultry Department.....	15,193 00
68. To defray the expenses of Horticultural Department....	15,548 00
69. To defray the expenses of Agricultural Department.....	1,750 00

70.	To defray the expenses of Soil Physics Department.....	4,000 00
71.	To defray the expenses of Mechanical Department.....	1,350 00
72.	To defray the expenses Colonization and Immigration..	95,000 00
73.	To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities.....	631,763 19
74.	To defray the expenses of Government House, Maintenance	17,300 00
75.	To defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings Maintenance	196,170 00
76.	To defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, Maintenance....	35,978 00
77.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Maintenance....	20,750 00
78.	To defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, Maintenance....	7,000 00
79.	To defray the expenses of Public Institutions, Maintenance	69,000 00
80.	To defray the expenses of Educational	7,200 00
81.	To defray the expenses of Agriculture	2,000 00
82.	To defray the expenses of Districts	22,150 00
83.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	90,000 00
84.	To defray the expenses of Public Works	164,900 00
85.	To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads	90,000 00
86.	To defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways	79,620 00
87.	To defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries	298,300 00
88.	To defray the expenses of the Attorney General's Department, Miscellaneous	185,200 00
89.	To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous	116,570 00
90.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous	331,170 00
91.	To defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys..	864,200 00
92.	To defray the expenses of Mines and Mining	124,900 00
93.	To defray the expenses of Parks	58,600 00
94.	To defray the expenses of Education	6,500 00
95.	To defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines....	25,000 00

96.	To defray the expenses of Succession Duty	36,000 00
97.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Refunds	37,000 00
98.	To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	47,950 35

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

Friday, March 15th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Crawford, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented the following as their First Report:—

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

The Public Accounts, 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 1.)

The Estimates, 1918-19. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 2.)

Report of Lands, Forests and Mines. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 3.)

Report of Bureau of Mines. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 4.)

Report of Inspector of Division Courts. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 5.)

Report of Inspector of Legal Offices. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 6.)

Report of Inspector of Registry Offices. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 7.)

Report of Municipal Auditor. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 8.)

Report of Queen Victoria, N.F. Park Commission. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 9.)

Report of Inspector of Insurance. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 10.)

Report of Registrar of Friendly Societies. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 11.)

Report of Registrar of Loan Corporations. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 12.)

Report of Department of Public Works. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 13.)

Report of Game and Fish Commission. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 14.)

Report on Highway Improvement. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 15.)

Report of Trades and Labour Branch. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 16.)

Report of Department of Education. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 17.)

Report of University of Toronto. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 18.)

Report of Secretary and Registrar. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 19.)

Report of Registrar-General. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 20.)

Report of Board of Health. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 21.)

Report on Hospitals for Insane. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 22.)

Report on Hospitals for Idiotic and Epileptics. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 23.)

Report on Feeble-Minded. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 24.)

Report on Hospitals and Charities. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 25.)

Report on Common Gaols and Prisons. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 26.)

Report on Neglected and Dependent Children. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 27.)

Report on the operation of Liquor License Act. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 28.)

Report of Department of Agriculture. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 29.)

Report of Agricultural College. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 30.)

Report of Veterinary College. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 31.)

Report of Experimental Union. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 32.)

Report of Stallion Enrollment Board. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 33.)

Report of Vegetable Growers' Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 34.)

Report of Corn Growers' Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 35.)

Report of Entomological Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 36.)

Report of Beekeepers' Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 37.)

Report of Dairymen's Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 38.)

Report of Live Stock Branch. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 39.)

Report of Farmers' Institutes. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 40.)

Report of Women's Institutes. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 41.)

Report of Agricultural Societies. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 42.)

Report of Horticultural Societies. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 43.)

Report of Fruit Growers' Association. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 44.)

Report of Vineland Experimental Station. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 45.)

Report of Bureau of Industries. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 46.)

Report of Inspector of Factories. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 47.)

Report of Temiskaming and N.O. Ry. Commission. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 48.)

Report of Hydro-Electric Power Commission. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 49.)

Report of Railway and Municipal Board. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 50.)

Report of Provincial Archivist. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 52.)

Report of Provincial Auditor. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 54.)

Report of Workmen's Compensation Board. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 55.)

Report of Mr. Justice Hodgins *re* Medical Education. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 57.)

Interim Report on the prevention of Venereal Diseases. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 74.)

Report on Natural Gas Situation in Kent County. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 78.)

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:—

Memorandum *re* Elections. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 51.)

Report on State of Library. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 53.)

Report of Commissioner Coatsworth on Burwash Farm. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 56.)

Return *re* Hydro Radials. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 58.)

Return *re* Water Power Leases. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 59.)

Return Areas of Lands Overrun by Fire. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 60.)

Return Land Patents in Sudbury District. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 61.)

Return *re* Seymour Power Company. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 62.)

Return *re* Population and Public Debt in Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 63.)

Return *re* of correspondence, Workmen's Compensation Board and Archibald Taylor. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 64.)

Returns *re* John W. Moyes. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 65.)

Return *re* Sudbury Land Patents to A. Harvey *et al.* (*Sessional Papers, No.* 69.)

Order in Council *re* Education Department. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 66.)

Distribution of Revised and Sessional Statutes. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 67.)

Order in Council *re* Judge McLean. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 68.)

Agreement *re* Mail Contract. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 70.)

Return *re* Sudbury Lands granted to John E. Hodge. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 71.)

Return *re* Patented Lands to Sudbury Nickel Ltd. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 72.)

Return *re* Patented Lands—Canada Copper Co. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 73.)

Return *re* Grand River Floods. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 75.)

Return *re* amounts paid by Corporations under Workmen's Compensation Act (*Sessional Papers, No.* 76.)

Return *re* purchase of Land for Kingston Asylum. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 77.)

The Committee recommend that the following Publications be purchased:

One hundred and fifteen copies of "What Art has done for Canadian History," at the price of $230, also that a copy of the Canadian Annual Review and the Parliamentary Guide be supplied to each member of the Legislature.

Also 115 copies of Heaton's Annual for distribution among the members, to cost $1.25 each.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "An Act respecting the cultivation of Vacant Land." Sir William Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 30), Respecting the County of Essex.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Village of Crystal Beach.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Hamilton.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the City of Fort William.

Bill (No. 13), Relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

Bill (No. 36), To incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

Bill (No. 3), Respecting the City of Guelph.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Town of Perth.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 15), Respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 20), To Consolidate the Debenture and Floating Debts of the Village of Marmora and to Create a Patriotic Fund.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Deloro.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Township of Sandwich East.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 114), To amend an Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 115), To amend The Ontario Highways Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 125), To amend The Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Donovan, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

2. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Prime Minister and President of the Council for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

3. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-eight thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of the Attorney General's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

4. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

5. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Lands, Forests and Mines Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

6. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Public Works Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

7. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventy-seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

8. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Game and Fisheries Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

9. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Treasury Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

10. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Audit Office for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

11. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-three thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Provincial Secretary's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

12. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ninety-one thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

13. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

14. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

15. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

16. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and sixty-five thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

17. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty-one thousand and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

18. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One million four hundred and eighty-seven thousand and eighty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

19. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ninety-four thousand four hundred and seventy-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

20. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-four thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

21. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

22. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

23. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand one hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

24. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

25. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-nine thousand and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

26. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of English-French Professional Training Schools for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

27. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

28. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

29. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-eight thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

30. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

31. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

32. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial and other Universities for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

33. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one thousand seven hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

34. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-one thousand five hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

35. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

36. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-eight thousand three hundred and seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

37. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

38. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

39. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty-three thousand six hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, October, 1919.

40. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

41. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-two thousand and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

42. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eighty-nine thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

43. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

44. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Reception Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

45. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-six thousand seven hundred and twenty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

46. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

47. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-three thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory, Industries, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

48. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

49. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Industries, Andrew Mercer Remormatory for Females, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

50. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Industrial Farm, Burwash, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

51. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Industrial Farm, Fort William, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

52. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

53. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

54. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

55. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

56. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

57. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

58. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

59. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

60. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-two thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

61. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Macdonald Institute and Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

62. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Forestry for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

63. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

64. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand seven hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

65. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand and fifty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

66. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy School for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

67. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand one hundred and ninety-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

68. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

69. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Apicultural Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

70. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Soil Physics Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

71. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mechanical Department for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

72. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ninety-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

73. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and thirty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three dollars and nineteen cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

74. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House, Maintenance, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

75. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-six thousand one hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings, Maintenance, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

76. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall, Maintenance, for the year ending 31st October, 1919

77. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous, Maintenance, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

78. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

79. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixty-nine thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

80. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Educational Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

81. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

82. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Districts Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

83. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ninety thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

84. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

85. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ninety thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

86. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Seventy-nine thousand six hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

87. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and ninety-eight thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

88. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-five thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney General's Department Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

89. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixteen thousand five hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

90. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and thirty-one thousand one hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

91. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

92. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

93. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifty-eight thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

94. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Six thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education Refunds for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

95. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines Refunds, for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

96. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Succession Duty Refunds for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

97. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Refunds for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

98. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1919.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Thirtieth, Forty-seventh, Fiftieth, Seventy-second, Seventy-fourth, Eighty-sixth, Eighty-seventh, Ninetieth and Ninety-first Resolutions be postponed until Monday next.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 117), To amend The Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 127), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 40), For the prevention of Venereal Disease, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bureau of Mines for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 4.)

Also—Memorandum on the Natural Gas Situation in Kent, Essex and Lambton. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 78.)

The House then adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Monday, March 18th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (*a*) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of sections 1 to 12, both inclusive, of Bill (No. 37), "An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls, the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by Your Honourable House, provided it is amended in the particulars set out in the annexed Bill.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

A. B. INGRAM,
Vice-Chairman.

Dated at Toronto this Eighteenth
Day of March, A.D. 1918.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to enable Railway Employees to Vote at Municipal Elections before Polling Day." Sir William Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 46), To provide for the appointment of Agricultural Representatives.

Bill (No. 47), To amend The Mining Acts of Ontario.

Bill (No. 48), To amend the Metal Refining Bounty Act.

Bill (No. 38), To amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways.

Bill (No. 70), To amend the Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

Bill (No. 82), To amend The Bread Sales Act.

Bill (No. 97), To amend the Forest Fires Protection Act.

Bill (No. 72), To amend the Statute Labour Act.

Bill (No. 84), To amend The Public Health Act.

Bill (No. 104), Respecting the Settlement of Claims arising out of the use of Land for Industrial and Mining Purposes.

Bill (No. 105), To amend The Land Titles Act.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 49), To provide for the appointment of a General Purchasing Agent for the Province of Ontario, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 44), To provide for the better regulation of the Public Service, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Succession Duties.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, 1. That succession duty be not claimed on debts and sums of money owing on specialty or other obligation by persons in Ontario to any de-

ceased person without paying regard to the situs of the specialty or obligation at the time of the death of the deceased and that The Succession Duty Act be amended in this respect.

2. That succession duty be not claimed on gifts made absolutely by a deceased person to his father, mother, child, son-in-law or daughter-in-law more than three years before his death, not exceeding the value or amount of $20,000 in the aggregate to the persons named in this resolution, without regard to any larger amount that may also be given at any time.

3. That the rates of succession duty payable by a beneficiary who is a stranger in blood to a deceased person whose estate is dutiable be at the rate of 15 per cent.; where the net estate exceeds $50,000 and does not exceed $200,000 and at the rate of 20 per cent. where it exceeds $200,000.

4. That in determining what allowance is to be made for estate, legacy or succession duty payable in Great Britain by reason of a succession in Ontario, the law of England shall be followed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, 1. That succession duty be not claimed on debts and sums of money owing on specialty or other obligation by persons in Ontario to any deceased person without paying regard to the situs of the specialty or obligation at the time of the death of the deceased and that The Succession Duty Act be amended in this respect.

2. That succession duty be not claimed on gifts made absolutely by a deceased person to his father, mother, child, son-in-law or daughter-in-law more than three years before his death, not exceeding the value or amount of $20,000 in the aggregate to the persons named in this resolution, without regard to any larger amount that may also be given at any time.

3. That the rates of succession duty payable by a beneficiary who is a stranger in blood to a deceased person whose estate is dutiable be at the rate of 15 per cent.; where the net estate exceeds $50,000 and does not exceed $200,000 and at the rate of 20 per cent. where it exceeds $200,000.

4. That in determining what allowance is to be made for estate, legacy or succession duty payable in Great Britain by reason of a succession in Ontario, the law of England shall be followed.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 135), To amend the Succession Duties Act, R.S.O., 1914.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Public Service and other matters.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, 1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding six million dollars ($6,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: for the public service, for works carried on by Commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account, for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, and for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature, which sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon.

2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that any bonds or inscribed stock issued as security for such loan shall be free from any or all provincial taxes, succession duties and impositions whatsoever.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to such loan and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one *per centum per annum* on the amount of such debentures or stock as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, 1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding six million dollars ($6,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: for the public service, for works carried on by Commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account, for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, and for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature, which sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon.

2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that any bonds or inscribed stock issued as security for such loan shall be free from any or all provincial taxes, succession duties and impositions whatsoever.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to such loan and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one *per centum per annum* on the amount of such debentures or stock as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 136), For raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the University of Toronto.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may on behalf of the Province of Ontario contract with the Board of Governors of the University of

Toronto to pay them an annual sum or sums not exceeding in all $3,750 *per annum*, for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, from the 1st of November, 1917.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may on behalf of the Province of Ontario contract with the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto to pay them an annual sum or sums not exceeding in all $3,750 *per annum*, for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, from the 1st of November, 1917.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 143), Respecting the University of Toronto.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 134), To amend the Power Commission Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 135), To amend the Succession Duties Act, R.S.O., 1914.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 136), For raising money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), The Public Health Amendment Act, 1918.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 141), Respecting the Cultivation of Vacant Land.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 119), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee

Bill (No. 126), To amend the Factory, Shop and Office Building Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 133), To amend the Fish and Game Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 131), To amend the Ontario Temperance Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 140), To amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 128), To amend the Upper Canada College Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 107), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 120), To amend The Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 122), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 123), To amend The Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 124), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 99), To amend The Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 118), For the better development and preservation of Fuel Resources in Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 111), To provide for Development Work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 98), Respecting Surveys and Plans in or near Urban Municipalities, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), To amend the School Laws, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 85), To amend the Public Schools Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Carter,

Ordered, That there be laid before this house a Return shewing:—1. What number of accidents have been reported to and dealt with by the Workmen's Compensation Board for accidents caused to workmen engaged in munition plants. 2. What amount do the manufacturers of munitions pay in comparison to the amount paid by other manufacturers. 3. Is the amount based on a percentage higher than on manufactures of a somewhat similar character so as to provide for the possibility of munition factories ceasing to operate within the near future and yet have large claims left to be provided for.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Town of Perth.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals for Insane. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 22.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities on the Hospital for Idiots, Orillia, and the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 23.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Common Gaols and Reformatories for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 26.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon Hospitals and Charitable Institutions for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 25.)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Dargavel, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act to Impose a Tax on Dogs, and for the Protection of Sheep," and have prepared certain Amendments thereto.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the Administration of Justice Expenses.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the tariffs as to Sheriffs' and Constables' fees in Schedules "A" and "C" to The Administration of Justice Expenses Act be amended as provided in Bill (No. 106).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the tariffs as to Sheriffs' and Constables' fees in Schedules "A" and "C" to The Administration of Justice Expenses Act be amended as provided in Bill (No. 106).

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 106), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the increase to the Revenue of the Crown.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the Crown the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by regulation impose a license fee upon public halls and upon the use of moving picture films and fix a fee to be paid for the censoring of moving picture films and advertising matter and pictures used in connection with same. That every owner of a place of amusement contravening any of the Regulations passed pursuant to the Amusement Tax Act shall incur a penalty of not less than $10 and not more than $200.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the Crown the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by regulation impose a license fee upon public halls and upon the use of moving pictures films and fix a fee to be paid for the censoring of moving picture films and advertising matter and pictures used in connection with same. That every owner of a place of amusement contravening any of the Regulations passed pursuant to the Amusements Tax Act shall incur a penalty of not less than $10 and not more than $200.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the purchase of Tisdale Township Bonds.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to purchase or to guarantee payment of debentures of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Tisdale for school purposes to an amount not exceeding $10,000, and bearing interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Reported, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to purchase or to guarantee payment of debentures of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Tisdale for school purposes to an amount not exceeding $10,000, and bearing interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum.*

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting Registrars of Deeds.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That in lieu of the provision made by section 109 of The Registry Act and amendments thereto, under which certain registrars, namely the Registrar of the District of Thunder Bay and the Registrar of the District of Sudbury, pay to the Treasurer of Ontario out of their respective net incomes in each year, the percentages set out in the said section. The same provision shall be made with regard to registrars in districts as to registrars in counties throughout the Province, except that the percentage so payable shall be payable to the Treasurer of Ontario instead of to the Treasurer of the county or city, and that where the registrar in a provisional judicial district is also local master of titles, the income upon which the percentage is computed, shall be that received from the combined offices, and except that this shall not apply to any registrar who is paid by salary.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That in lieu of the provision made by section 109 of The Registry Act and amendments thereto, under which certain registrars, namely

the Registrar of the District of Thunder Bay and the Registrar of the District of Sudbury, pay to the Treasurer of Ontario out of their respective net incomes in each year, the percentages set out in the said section. The same provision shall be made with regard to registrars in districts as to registrars in counties throughout the Province, except that the percentage so payable shall be payable to the Treasurer of Ontario instead of to the Treasurer of the county or city, and that where the registrar in a provisional judicial district is also local master of titles, the income upon which the percentage is computed, shall be that received from the combined offices, and except that this shall not apply to any registrar who is paid by salary.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 103), To amend The Registry Act.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 56), To amend The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.

Bill (No. 59), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

Bill (No. 93), For the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds.

Bill (No. 111), To provide for Development Work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

Bill (No. 118), For the better development and preservation of Fuel Resources in Ontario.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Town of Perth.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 53), To amend The Coroners Act.

Bill (No. 54), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 101), To amend the School Laws, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 103), To amend The Registry Act.

Ordered, That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 106), To amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

Ordered, That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 135), To amend The Succession Duties Act, R.S.O., 1914, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 136), For raising Money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 139), The Public Health Amendment Act, 1918, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 141), Respecting the Cultivation of Vacant Land, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 126), To amend The Factory, Shop and Office Building Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 133), To amend The Fish and Game Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the distribution and sale of Fish taken from the waters of Ontario.

Ordered, That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 129), To amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 130), To amend The Highway Travel Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 142), To enable Railway Employees to vote at Municipal Elections before Polling Days.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 138), Respecting Elections to the Assembly.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 113), To amend The Marriage Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of Bill (No. 121), Amending The Public Health Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 132), To amend The Statute Labour Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 87), To amend The Board of Education Act, having been read,

Mr. Irish moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of an Annuity to the University of Toronto." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1918.

Prayers. 3 O'Clock P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain Amendments:—

Bill (No. 7), An Act to incorporate the Town of Merritton.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 11), "An Act respecting the County of Carleton," the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Mr. McGarry, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain Amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 66), To amend The County Courts Act.

Bill (No. 116), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act.

Bill (No. 128), To amend The Upper Canada College Act.

Your Committee have also considered Bill (No. 102), To amend The Surrogate Courts Act and report the said Bill without Amendment.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 88), To amend the Definition of Time Act and in lieu of the provisions of the Bill, have adopted certain Amendments to the Act which they recommend should be included in "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918."

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 140), "An Act to amend The Ditches and Watercourses Act," and beg to report the same without Amendment.

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 71), "An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act," and Bill (No. 115), "An Act to amend The Ontario Highways Act," and beg to report the same with certain Amendments.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bills (Nos. 95 and 114), "To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes," and beg to report Bill (No. 114) with Amendments, including the provisions of Bill (No. 95).

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted: —

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 129) "An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Act," and Bill (No. 130), "An Act to amend The Highway Travel Act," and beg to report the same with certain Amendments.

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bills (Nos. 52-79-80-91-92-100-107-109-110 and 125, to amend The Municipal Act and such of their provisions as have been approved of have been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1918."

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 11), Respecting the County of Carleton.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Railway Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1918." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 146), intituled "An Act respecting Natural Gas." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, recognizing as we do the grave and anxious crisis which confronts Great Britain and France owing to the acute shortage of food in those countries, and the momentous issues that are thus placed in jeopardy, hereby affirm our resolve and determination to do everything that lies in our power to sustain Great Britain and her Allies in the bitter struggle that lies ahead. We realize that the world shortage of food, together with the fact that the destruction of shipping prevents Great Britain drawing supplies from Australia and South America, compels that country and France to depend almost entirely on Canada and the United States for the necessary food to maintain her armies and her civilian population. We desire to express our willingness to assume to the full our responsibility in this perilous emergency. Ontario has with a true spirit of patriotism and unselfishness risen to every demand hitherto made upon her by the war, whether for men, money, munitions, or food, and must not fail now in doing her part in meeting this new and grave crisis. At a time when the whole civilian population of Great Britain is on meagre rations, when even the soldiers' rations have been reduced, and when France is threatened with famine, it behoves all the inhabitants of this favoured Province to examine closely their individual responsibility and privileges, and resolve upon making unprecendented efforts to increase food production. We desire to place on record our hearty acknowledgment of the strenuous and patriotic efforts which the farmers of Ontario have made and are making to produce more crops. We realize that owing to enlistments and other causes the supply of farm labour has become seriously insufficient for the proper cultivation of the lands of this Province, and that many of those left on the farms, both men and women, are working to the limit of human endurance. It is clear, therefore, that a further increase of production on the farms of Ontario this year will only be possible if the farmers are furnished with an army of helpers. Thousands of men, women, and boys and girls will be needed for spring work, haying, cultivation, and harvest. The need is insistent; if disaster to the Allies is to be averted, the response must be immediate and abundant. Confident of a patriotic effort, worthy of the noble traditions of the Province and our unaltered faith in the principles for which the Motherland and her allies are fighting, we therefore call upon the people of Ontario, particularly those living in urban centres, to rally to the help of the Empire and of the farmers in this patriotic Campaign for Greater Production, to be inaugurated by Proclamation of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in a week of dedication and preparation beginning March the 24th. It is our profound conviction that every public body and organization should promote the movement, and that every man, woman, boy, or girl who labours this year to help the farmers to produce more food is a veritable soldier of the soil, is playing a most worthy and essential part in upholding the British Empire, in ensuring that the sacrifices hitherto made by our soldiers and our heroic dead shall not have been made in vain, and in hastening the hour of final Victory.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting The Wolf Bounty Act.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the bounty to be paid upon the killing of a grey timber wolf in Ontario be fixed at $20 instead of $15, and that upon the delivery of the certificate provided for by Section 3 of The Wolf Bounty Act and the skin of the wolf to the Treasurer of Ontario the corporation of the county paying the bounty shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of Ontario 40 *per cent.* of the sum so paid as bounty, and where such wolf has been killed in a provisional judicial district or the provisional county of Haliburton upon the delivery of the certificate provided by Section 6 of the said Act and the skin of the wolf the person named in the certificate shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of Ontario, out of such money as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, the sum of $20 if such wolf is a grey timber wolf.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the bounty to be paid upon the killing of a grey timber wolf in Ontario be fixed at $20 instead of $15, and that upon the delivery of the certificate provided for by Section 3 of The Wolf Bounty Act and the skin of the wolf to the Treasurer of Ontario the corporation of the county paying the bounty shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of Ontario 40 *per cent.* of the sum so paid as bounty, and where such wolf has been killed in a provisional judicial district or the provisional county of Haliburton upon the delivery of the certificate provided by Section 6 of the said Act and the skin of the wolf the person named in the certificate shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of Ontario, out of such money as may be appropriated by the Legislature for the payment of wolf bounty, the sum of $20 if such wolf is a grey timber wolf.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting salaries to certain officials.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That until otherwise provided in the Estimates voted by the Assembly and the appropriation made by the Legislature there shall be payable as from the 1st day of November, 1917,

(*a*) To the Provincial Inspector of Health or to any legally qualified medical practitioner now occupying the office of Provincial Inspector of Health or Medical Inspector, an annual salary of $3,100;

(*b*) To the Director of Technical Education an annual salary of $3,900; and

(*c*) To the Chief Inspector of Public and Separate Schools an annual salary of $3,400, and the said salaries shall be payable out of the appropriations made for the respective departments and services in which the said officers are engaged as if the same had been voted in the Estimates for the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of October, 1918, and the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of October, 1919, and the appropriation for the said departments and services shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That until otherwise provided in the Estimates voted by the Assembly and the appropriation made by the Legislature there shall be payable as from the 1st day of November, 1917,

(*a*) To the Provincial Inspector of Health or to any legally qualified medical practitioner now occupying the office of Provincial Inspector of Health or Medical Inspector, an annual salary of $3,100;

(*b*) To the Director of Technical Education an annual salary of $3,900; and

(*c*) To the Chief Inspector of Public and Separate Schools an annual salary of $3,400, and the said salaries shall be payable out of the appropriations made for the respective departments and services in which the said officers are engaged as if the same had been voted in the Estimates for the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of October, 1918, and the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of October, 1919, and the appropriation for the said departments and services shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the Purchase of the Debentures of the Town of Matheson.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to purchase or to guarantee payment of debentures of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Matheson, for the purpose of constructing a system of Waterworks and Sewerage in the said Town of Matheson, to an amount not exceeding $40,000 and bearing interest at the rate of five *per cent. per annum.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to purchase or to guarantee payment of debentures of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Matheson, for the purpose of constructing a system of Waterworks and Sewerage in the said Town of Matheson, to an amount not exceeding $40,000 and bearing interest at the rate of five *per cent. per annum.*

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting fees under the Ontario Election Acts.

Sir William Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the fees and expenses to be allowed to the returning officers, Boards and other officers and persons for services performed under The Ontario Election Act and amendments thereto and under The Ontario Election Act, 1918, shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

That for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such fees and expenses, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that accountable warrants payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be issued from time to time in favour of any officer or other person.

That the sums so paid out shall be duly accounted for by the production of accounts and vouchers but it shall not be necessary that such accounts or vouchers shall be furnished before the issue of a further accountable warrant in favour of the same person, unless the Lieutenant-Governor in Council otherwise directs.

That all accounts and such fees and expenses shall be audited by the Auditor of Criminal Justice Accounts and upon the production of his certificate as to any amount remaining unpaid upon such account, the Treasurer of Ontario shall cause a cheque to be issued for the amount named in the certificate and the Provincial Auditor shall countersign the same.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the fees and expenses to be allowed to the returning officers, Boards and other officers and persons for services performed under The On-

tario Election Act and amendments thereto and under The Ontario Election Act, 1918, shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

That for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such fees and expenses, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that accountable warrants payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund be issued from time to time in favour of any officer or other person.

That the sums so paid out shall be duly accounted for by the production of accounts and vouchers but it shall not be necessary that such accounts or vouchers shall be furnished before the issue of a further accountable warrant in favour of the same person, unless the Lieutenant-Governor in Council otherwise directs.

That all accounts and such fees and expenses shall be audited by the Auditor of Criminal Justice Accounts and upon the production of his certificate as to any amount remaining unpaid upon such account, the Treasurer of Ontario shall cause a cheque to be issued for the amount named in the certificate and the Provincial Auditor shall countersign the same.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 138), Respecting Elections to the Assembly.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 15), Respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 20), To Consolidate the Debenture and Floating Debts of the Village of Marmora and to create a Patriotic Fund.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Village of Deloro.

Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Township of Sandwich East.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

1. What was the cause of the shooting and of the death of Joseph Paquette, a prisoner in custody at the Burwash Industrial Farm. 2. Was he in charge of a guard or guards at the time of the shooting. 3. Was he shot by a guard, and, if not, by whom was he shot, and what was the official position or occupation of the man who shot him, whether employed by the Government or otherwise. 4. Was the man who shot him prosecuted for murder or upon any other charge, or otherwise disciplined, and, if so, how. Is he still in the employ of the Government. 5. Was the Crown Attorney or the Attorney-General or his Department consulted as to the matter of such prosecution. 6. Was the question of prosecution the subject of correspondence between either the Attorney-General's Department on the one hand and any authorities at Burwash Farm or Sudbury on the other hand. 7. Will the Government consent to an Order for a Return to this House of any such correspondence.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following:—

1. As a result of being accidentally shot while attempting to escape from custody.

2. No.

3. Yes.

4. Inquest held. Coroner's verdict: "That, Jos. Paquette died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sudbury, on 20th October, 1917, as a result of being accidentally shot by Guard Crowder while attempting to escape from Sudbury Industrial Farm at Burwash on 19th October, 1917." Still in Government employ.

5. The Crown Attorney was consulted.

6. No.

7. Answered by Question No. 6.

Mr. Mageau asked the following Question:—

1. What number of loans have been applied for in the electoral district of Sturgeon Falls under the various Acts relating to the development of Northern and Northwestern Ontario. 2. What number of loans have been granted and what is the total amount of loans so granted. 3. What are the numbers of loans refused: the amount of each individual loan; and the names of the parties whose application for loans was refused.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the words and figures following:—

No. 1, 38; No. 2, 15—$5,150; No. 3, 7—as follows:—

Marios Francois	$500 00
Bouchard, Chas.	500 00
Bibeau, Octavien	500 00
Perreault, Gaspard	500 00
Perreault, Ovila	300 00
Seguin, Adelard	500 00
Guerin, Jos.	200 00

Mr. Dewart asked the following Question:—

1. How long has the office of Sheriff for the County of Elgin been vacant. 2. Who is performing the duties of Sheriff, and who (if anyone) is in receipt of the fees of the office.

And the Attorney-General replied in the words and figures following:—

1. Since the death of the late Sheriff on the 10th of August, 1915. 2. Angus McCrimmon, Crown Attorney of Elgin, pursuant to The Sheriff's Act (R.S.O. 1914, cap. 16), section 33 (2).

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Lowe,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1 (*a*) How many copies of the Report relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the province for the year 1916, were published. (*b*) How many distributed. 2. What was the cost of printing and publication. 3 (*a*) How much would the cost have been reduced if the Report had been confined to the first 57 pages. (*b*) How much, if confined to the first 154 pages. 4. How many officials and clerks were employed in the preparation of the copy of the said Report for the printer, and for what approximate time and at what estimated cost.

On Motion of Mr. Dewart, seconded by Mr. Lowe,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—1. What special warrants have been issued and for what amounts, (1) in connection with the war, or for patriotic, recruiting or other similar purposes, (2) for general services since the last session of the Assembly in 1917, which are not included in Auditor's Report for 1916-17.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 41), Respecting Telephone Systems.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 51), To extend the Duration of the present Legislative Assembly until after the close of the War, having been read,

Sir William Hearst moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Dewart moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Pinard,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out the word "unanimously" in the thirtieth line of the preamble to the said Bill.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put, was carried.

And the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 143), To provide for the payment of an Annuity to the University of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 142), To enable Railway Employees to vote at Municipal Elections, before Polling Day, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 39), To impose a tax on Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported,

That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 134), To Amend The Power Commission Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 40), For the Prevention of Venereal Disease, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 131), To amend The Ontario Temperance Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The Thirtieth Resolution respecting the Expenses of Technical Education, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Fiftieth Resolution respecting the Expenses of Industrial Farm, Burwash, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Seventy-second Resolution respecting the Expenses of Colonization and Immigration, having been again read was concurred in.

The Eighty-sixth Resolution respecting the Expenses of Department of Public Highways, having been again read was concurred in.

The Eighty-seventh Resolution respecting the Expenses of Game and Fisheries, having been again read was concurred in.

The Ninety-first Resolution respecting the Expenses of Outside Service and Surveys, having been again read was concurred in.

The Forty-seventh Resolution respecting the Expenses of Ontario Reformatory Industries, having been again read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Dewart moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "the resolution be not now concurred in, but be re-committed to the Committee of Supply with instructions to amend the same by reducing item Six for "One hundred and six thousand dollars" by the sum of "Fifty thousand dollars."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost, and the Resolution was then concurred in.

The Seventy-fourth Resolution respecting the Expenses of Government House, having been again read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. McDonald moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Carter,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be stricken out and the following substituted therefor: "the resolution be not now con-

curred in, but be re-committed to the Committee of Supply with instructions to amend the same by reducing the amount to Ten thousand dollars."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost, and the Resolution was then concurred in.

The Ninetieth Resolution respecting the Expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous, having been again read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Dewart moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That all the words of the motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"the resolution be not now concurred in, but be recommitted to the Committee of Supply with instructions to amend the same by reducing Item Three for 'Two hundred and five thousand dollars' to the sum of 'One hundred and fifty thousand dollars.'

"And that this House is further of the opinion that the machinery for the enforcement of The Ontario Temperance Act is unnecessarily expensive, and that the reduction of the number of Commissioners under the Act from 'five' to 'one' will not interfere with the effective enforcement of the law, while providing more economical machinery for its administration."

And the Amendment having been put, was lost, and the Resolution was then concurred in.

The House according to order resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Twenty-four millions four hundred and sixty-four thousand five hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents ($24,464,553.33), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Donovan, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a Resolution, which was read as follows:—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, a sum not exceeding Twenty-four millions four hundred and

sixty-four thousand five hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents ($24,464,553.33), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and for the year ending 31st day of October, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

On motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon of Thursday, the twenty-first day of March instant, Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair at One of the Clock without the question being put.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report on Neglected and Dependent Children, for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 27.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Parole Board for the year 1916-17. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 79.)

Also—Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 49.)

Also—Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 48.)

The House then adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1918.

Prayers. 11 O'Clock A.M.

Mr. Crawford, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

The Budget Speech. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 80.)

Report on Telephone Systems. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 81.)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 7), To incorporate the Town of Merritton.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

Ordered, That the Bills be forthwith severally referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 7), To incorporate the Town of Merritton.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the City of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 50), Amending The Juror's Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 144), To amend The Ontario Railway Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sittings of the House To-day.

Mr. McDonald moved, seconded by Mr. Ham,

That in the opinion of this House the postage on all letters, parcels and other communications sent by residents of this province to sons, husbands or relatives with the overseas army either in England or France should be sent free of postage, and that this Government memorialize the Dominion Parliament asking it to enact a law to change the postage regulations so as to permit of said letters, parcels and other communications being carried free of charge.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 146), Respecting Natural Gas, having been read,

Mr. Elliott moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 76), To remove the disqualification of Women as Candidates for the Legislative Assembly, having been read,

Mr. Elliott moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

Sir William Hearst moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor, "the Bill be not now read the second time, but be read the second time this day six months.

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried, and it was

Ordered, That the Bill be not now read the second time, but be read the second time on this day six months.

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3 P.M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 144), To amend The Ontario Railway Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 138), Respecting Elections to the Assembly, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Lucas then moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Dewart moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That all the words after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "the Bill be not now read a third time, but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend section 18 subsection 1, by striking out the words 'the returning officer' and inserting instead thereof the words 'the Board.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried.

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the Income of the Prime Minister and President of the Council.

Mr. Lucas acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there shall be payable to the Member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister, in addition to the annual salary provided for in subsection 1 of section 4 of The Executive Council Act, the further sum of $6,000 *per annum* in lieu of the sum of $3,000 *per annum* as provided by subsection 2 of the said section.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That there shall be payable to the Member of the Executive Council holding the recognized position of First Minister, in addition to the annual salary provided for in subsection 1 of section 4 of The Executive Council Act, the further sum of $6,000 *per annum* in lieu of the sum of $3,000 *per annum* as provided by subsection 2 of the said section.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting an Honorarium to certain Officers of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Lucas acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That in addition to the sums voted in the Estimates for the fiscal year 1917-18, there be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, as a Bonus, to Arthur H. Sydere, Clerk of the House, and to Frederick J. Glackmeyer, Sergeant-at-Arms, the sum of One thousand dollars each.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That in addition to the sums voted in the Estimates for the fiscal year 1917-18, there be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, as a Bonus, to Arthur H. Sydere, Clerk of the House, and to Frederick J. Glackmeyer, Sergeant-at-Arms, the sum of One thousand dollars each.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), it was

Resolved, That this Legislature desires to extend its congratulations to the Clerk of this House, Mr. Arthur Henry Sydere, and to the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House, Mr. Fred. J. Glackmeyer, both of whom have recently completed fifty years in the Public Service of this Province. We recognize their unfailing devotion to duty and earnest attention to all their responsibilities, as well as their excellent personal qualities in these and in all other respects. We extend to them, moreover, our best wishes for continued health and usefulness, and, on behalf of the people of this Province, tender to them, for their acceptance, the Honorarium voted by this House.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Mines and Mining Works. Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be printed for distribution only.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 143), To provide for the payment of an Annuity to the University of Toronto, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hilliard reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hilliard reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-day.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Dewart,

That this House declares the Agreement entered into in the month of December, 1913, between the Government as represented by the Honourable W. H. Hearst, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and the Canadian Copper Company, represented by the Honourable Wallace Nesbitt, fixing the amount of the taxes payable by the Canadian Copper Company under the Mining Tax Act for the five-year period from 1912 to 1916 inclusive, at a flat rate of $40,000 per year, and further confirmed by letter dated January 24th, 1914, from the Government, as represented by the Mine Assessor, to the President of the Canadian Copper Company, as follows:—

"Yours of the 22nd *re* taxes, stating that the proposed flat rate of $40,000 per year for five years would be satisfactory to you, received. I think it advisable to mention the years in question for which this tax would be paid, 1912-13-14-15-16, based on the production of the years 1911-12-13-14-15 respectively,"

was wholly unauthorized by this House and that the said Agreement is contrary to the provisions of the Mining Tax Act; and in view of the finding of the Royal Ontario Nickel Commission that the present system of mining taxation in Ontario is just and equitable, but that the method adopted by the Mine Assessor for "ascertaining the value of the nickel copper ore at the pit's mouth where there is no open market or other available means of ascertaining its market value is not satisfactory"; and that the Mine Assessor should be directed "to fix the profits to be taxed at an amount based upon the price or value of the refined products, less the present statutory deductions, and such further deductions for the actual cost of treatment as the owner shall establish to the Mine Assessor's satisfaction";

And in further view of the fact that the Bill passed by this Honourable House in the session of 1917 does not provide for the recovery by the Province of the arrears of taxes for the years 1912-1913, 1913-1914, and 1914-1915, and that the amount paid, even taking into consideration the $1,300,000 paid last year, is not based on anything like the figures that it should be based on in comparison with the net profits of the company;

This House is of the opinion that it is the duty of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines to forthwith institute proceedings under the Mining Tax Act to recover from the Canadian Copper Company the arrears of taxes due by it under the said Act for the years 1912-13-14-15, and this House is further of the opinion that the said Canadian Copper Company should be forthwith required to comply with the terms of the Mines Act and to file the sworn annual returns required by the said Act for the said five-year period.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Dewart,

That in view of the finding of the Royal Ontario Nickel Commission that any of the processes now in use for refining nickel could be successfully worked in Ontario, and that the conditions and facilities are at least as good for such refining in this province as in any other part of Canada, this House urges the Government of Ontario to take proceedings to acquire, construct or otherwise secure the control of nickel refining plants in Ontario where all nickel mined in the province could be refined.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Dewart,

That in view of the financial interest which the Government of the United Kingdom has acquired in the Canadian nickel industry, and considering the vital part which nickel plays in modern warfare, and the uncertainty existing in connection with the duration of the present war, and the requirements of the Allies in the matter of nickel supplies to carry on the war, this House believes the Government should no longer delay entering into negotiations with the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Dominion of Canada to secure united action to acquire the absolute control of the nickel mines and nickel product of the Province of Ontario.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

On Motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Carter, it was

Resolved, That in view of the developments which have recently taken place in reference to the affairs of the Dominion Permanent Loan Association, now in liquidation, whereby it is clear that the returns sent to the Government have not proved a sufficient safeguard to protect those dealing with the company, and it is desirable to amend the law and secure more adequate returns and control of Loan and other corporations, but before introducing legislation it is necessary to have the whole subject investigated.

For said purposes this House hereby appoints a Committee of nine members of this House, to be named by the Prime Minister, to conduct such investigation and report fully at the next Session of this Legislature when legislation adequate to meet the situation will be provided.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That the following Members constitute the Special Committee provided for in the above Resolution of Mr. Proudfoot, to investigate and report upon returns and control of Loan and other corporations:

Messieurs Lucas, Cameron, Dunlop, Irish, McCrea, Allan (Simcoe), Proudfoot, Carter and Bowman. Said Committee to have power to sit during the Recess and to report to the House at the next Session of the Legislature.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 66), To amend The County Courts Act.

Bill (No. 116), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act.

Bill (No. 128), To amend The Upper Canada College Act.

Bill (No. 102), To amend The Surrogate Courts Act.

Bill (No. 129), To amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 130), To amend The Highways Travel Act.

Bill (No. 71), To amend The Highway Improvement Act.

Bill (No. 114), To amend The Act to Authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Bill (No. 115), To amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915.

Bill (No. 140), To amend The Ditches and Watercourses Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider Bill (No. 58), To amend The Jurors' Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 83), Respecting the use of the German Language in Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 112), To amend The Truancy Act, having been read,

Mr. Proudfoot moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

On Motion of Mr. McPherson, seconded by Mr. Preston (Lanark),

Resolved, That this House doth ratify an Order-in-Council dated on the Twenty-first day of March, 1918, designating the Hospitals, Refuges, Orphanages and Infants' Homes, to which aid may be granted under section number fourteen of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. McPherson,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 113), To amend The Marriage Act be referred to a Special Committee to consist of the following Members of this House: Messieurs McGarry, Godfrey, Jaques, Robb, Cameron, Sinclair, Proudfoot, and Ducharme, and that the said Select Committee be authorized and instructed to meet during the Recess and to devote such time as in their judgment may seem meet to the consideration of such Bill and make their recommendations with reference thereto in a report to this House, to be presented at the ensuing Session.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. McPherson,

Ordered, That all the Bills to amend The Assessment Act introduced at the present Session of the Assembly, including those referred to the Municipal Committee, be referred to a Select Committee to consist of the following members of this House: Sir William Hearst and Messieurs Lucas, McPherson, McGarry, Ferguson (Grenville), Allan (Hamilton), Cameron, Calder, Chambers, Crawford, Dargavel, Dunlop, Eilber, Ferguson (Simcoe), Mills, Jessop, Henry, Hilliard, McCrea, Owens, Preston, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Studholme, Proudfoot, McDonald, Marshall, Ham, Pinard, Elliott, Parliament, Ferguson (Kent), Bowman, and Gooderham, and that the said Select Committee be authorized and instructed to meet during the coming Recess and devote such time, as in their judgment may seem meet, to the consideration of such Bills and such other Amendments to the Assessment Law as may seem desirable ,and make their recommendations with reference thereto, in a Report to this House, to be presented at the ensuing Session.

Such Committee shall meet at the call of the present Chairman of the Municipal Committee.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 145), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1918.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Irish reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 43), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hilliard reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time ,and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 57), To amend the Act to authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Gananoque.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Town and Township of Orillia.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 85), To amend The Public Schools Act.

Bill (No. 98), Respecting Surveys and Plans in or near Urban Municipalities.

Bill (No. 135), To amend The Succession Duties Act, R.S.O., 1914.

Bill (No. 136), For Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Bill (No. 139), The Public Health Amendment Act, 1918.

Bill (No. 141), Respecting the Cultivation of Vacant Land.

Bill (No. 103), To amend The Registry Act.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. McDonald,

Resolved, That in view of the fact that this is the 25th anniversary of The Act for the Better Protection of Children, passed by the Ontario Legislature in the Session of 1893, this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the good work done by the many social workers connected with the Children's Aid Societies of the province, and wish them continued success in their efforts to improve and elevate the child life of our country.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of—1. All correspondence between the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, or any member, officer or official of the Government, and the firm of F. McGibbon & Sons, Lumber Merchants, Sarnia, or the firm McGibbon Lumber Company, of Penetanguishene, in reference to the renewal of the license granted to the last named company to cut timber on Franklin Island, in Parry Sound. 2. Copy of the original agreement with the McGibbon Lumber Company, of Penetanguishene, in which the said company was given the right to cut pine timber on the said island. 3. Copy of the license and renewals (if any) granted to the said McGibbon Lumber Company. 4. Copy of the agreement made with and the license granted to the Hope Lumber Company, of Thessalon, Ontario (now owned by White, Gratwich & Mitchell on Garden River), about the same time; and copies of all correspondence between the said Hope Lumber Company or White, Gartwich & Mitchell and the Government or any officer or official thereof in reference to the sale of timber to either company. 5. Copies of the renewals of licenses to the Hope Lumber Company or White, Gratwich & Mitchell (if any). 6. The date when the license to the McGibbon Lumber Company was cancelled. 7. How the money derived from the said license was expended. 8. The number of licenses which have been renewed during the present year in the District of Parry Sound, and in whose names these licenses stand.

On Motion of Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, the twenty-sixth day of March, instant, at Three of the Clock in the afternoon.

Mr. McCrea, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their Report, which was read. (*Appendix No.* 1.)

Mr. McGarry moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to those Members absent on Military duty, and to those absent on account of illness, or other unavoidable cause.

Mr. Dewart moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Pinard,

That the following words be added to the Motion: "but this shall not include the Members for North Huron, West Lambton and West Kent, in view of their absence without medical certificate as to illness, or Statutory Declaration as to some unavoidable cause, other than personal engagements."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost, and the Main Motion having been again submitted, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to those Members absent on Military duty and to those absent on account of illness, or other unavoidable cause.

The Provincial Secretary presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 8.)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Municipal Affairs, 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 82.)

Also—Orders-in-Council, dated 21st March, 1918, designating the Hospitals, Refuges, Orphanages and Infants' Homes to which aid may be granted under The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 83.)

Also—Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Ontario, to the 31st December, 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 55.)

Also—Report of the Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario for the year 1917. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 85.)

Also—Copy of an Order-in-Council, authorizing payment to His Honour Judge E. N. Lewis, Judge of the County Court of the County of Huron, pursuant to section 78 of The Surrogate Courts Act, cap. 62, R.S.O., 1914. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 68.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 7th March, 1917, for a Return shewing—1. What was the number and kind of pelts or skins of fur-bearing animals coming into the possession of the Government of the Province of Ontario during the years 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916 respectively because of violation of any law or laws relating to fur-bearing animals. 2. What disposition of such pelts or skins has been made by the Government. 3. And what price or prices for each kind of fur, and to whom have the aforesaid pelts or skins been disposed of by the Government. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 84.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 6th March, 1918, for a Return shewing—1. How many civil servants were released during the past year for work on Ontario farms. 2. What are the names of such employees. 3. How long were they so employed. 4. What are the names of the parties by whom they were employed. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 86.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 20th March, 1918, for a Return shewing—1 (*a*) How many copies of the Report relating to the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the province for the year 1916, were published. (*b*) How many distributed. 2. What was the cost of printing and publication. 3 (*a*) How much would the cost have been reduced if the Report had been confined to the first 57 pages. (*b*) How much, if confined to the first 154 pages. 4. How many officials and clerks were employed in the preparation of the copy of the said Report for the printer, and for what approximate time and at what estimated cost. (*Sessional Papers, No.* 87.)

The House then adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26th, 1918.

PRAYERS. 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:—

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province, having at its present Sittings, passed several Bills, to which in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the Titles of the Acts that had passed, severally as follows:—

An Act for raising Money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

An Act respecting Elections to the Assembly.

An Act to extend the Duration of the present Legislative Assembly until after the Close of the War.

An Act to provide for the Better Regulation of the Public Service.

An Act to amend The Succession Duty Act.

An Act to provide for the appointment of a General Purchasing Agent for the Province of Ontario.

An Act to provide for development work in Northern and Northwestern Ontario.

An Act to amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

An Act to amend The Metal Refining Bounty Act.

An Act respecting the Settlement of Claims Arising out of the use of Land for Industrial and Mining Purposes.

An Act respecting Natural Gas.

An Act for the Better Development and Preservation of Fuel Resources in Ontario.

An Act to amend The Power Commission Act.

An Act to amend The Highway Improvement Act.

An Act to amend The Act to Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

An Act to amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915.

An Act to amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

An Act to provide for the Appointment of Agricultural Representatives.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1918.

An Act to amend The County Courts Act.

An Act to amend The Surrogate Courts Act.

An Act to amend The Jurors' Act.

An Act to amend The Coroners' Act.

An Act to amend The Administration of Justice Expenses Act.

An Act to amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1915.

An Act to amend The Registry Act.

An Act to amend The Land Titles Act.

An Act to amend The Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Act.

An Act to amend The Ontario Railway Act.

An Act respecting Telephone Systems.

The Municipal Amendment Act, 1918.

An Act to enable Railway Employees to Vote at Municipal Elections before Polling Day.

An Act to amend The Act to Authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

An Act to amend The Statute Labour Act.

An Act to amend The Highway Travel Act.

An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

An Act respecting Surveys and Plans of Land in or near Urban Municipalities.

An Act respecting the Cultivation of Vacant Land.

An Act to amend The Ontario Temperance Act.

An Act to amend The Public Health Act.

An Act for The Prevention of Venereal Disease.

An Act to amend The Bread Sales Act.

An Act to amend The Factory, Shop and Office Buildings Act.

An Act to amend The Forest Fires Prevention Act.

An Act to impose a Tax on Dogs, and for the Protection of Sheep.

An Act to amend The Ditches and Watercourses Act.

An Act to amend The Game and Fisheries Act.

An Act respecting the Distribution and Sale of Fish taken from the Waters of Ontario.

An Act for the Protection of Insectivorous Birds.

An Act to amend The School Laws.

An Act to amend The Public Schools Act.

An Act to provide for the Payment of an Annuity to the University of Toronto.

An Act to amend The Upper Canada College Act.

An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood.

An Act respecting the Township of Crowland.

An Act to detach Certain Lands from the Police Village of Crystal Beach.

An Act to incorporate the Village of Deloro.

An Act respecting the County of Essex.

An Act respecting the City of Fort William.

An Act respecting the Town of Gananoque.

An Act respecting the City of Guelph.

An Act respecting the City of Hamilton.

An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

An Act respecting the City of London.

An Act to incorporate the Village of Magnetawan.

An Act to consolidate the Debenture and Floating Debts of the Village of Marmora and to create a Patriotic Fund.

An Act to incorporate the Town of Merritton and to separate the same from the jurisdiction of the County of Lincoln.

An Act to incorporate the Village of Mildmay.

An Act respecting the Corporation of the Township of Oliver.

An Act respecting the Town and Township of Orillia.

An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

An Act to confirm By-Law No. 1833 of the Town of Owen Sound.

An Act respecting the Town of Perth.

An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

An Act respecting the City of Port Arthur.

An Act respecting the Town of Preston.

An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

An Act respecting the Township of Sandwich East.

An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

An Act respecting the Township of Scarborough and the Township of Etobicoke.

An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

An Act respecting the Hart Almerrin Massey Trust and the Methodist Union of Toronto.

An Act respecting the Estate of the late Richard Stubbs.

An Act relating to the Estate of George Elias Tuckett, deceased.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Acts."

Mr. Speaker then said:—

May it Please Your Honour:—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending on the 31st day of October, 1918, and for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st day of October, 1919, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

To this Act the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this Act in His Majesty's name."

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In the ordinary course of events this would be the concluding Session of the Fourteenth Legislature of this Province. The desire, however, of the

people to avoid the distractions of a General Election at a time when all our energies and resources are required for the protection of our liberties has been so widely and insistently expressed, and so generally recognized, that it has been urged upon my Government as a duty equivalent to a mandate to carry on the Public Administration without a dissolution until happier and more settled times.

A measure has, therefore, been adopted extending the duration of the Legislature until a year has elapsed and a Session has been held after the return of our men from overseas. I have no doubt whatever that the extension of the term of the Legislature under existing circumstances, and the spirit of harmony it indicates, will be a source of strength to the State and an inspiration for more united and more determined efforts on the part of the people.

I heartily commend the clear and emphatic declaration you have made of the attitude of this Province towards the great struggle now in progress. It is my conviction that the people of Ontario, fully realizing the gravity of the situation and the significance of the issues involved, are determined to devote their entire strength and resources to the successful prosecution of the war. I, therefore, direct their attention with confidence to the urgent necessity of greater production and thrift. We have reached the time when every able-bodied person must recognize an individual responsibility to assist in production, and when all public bodies and organizations must energetically co-operate towards that end. Our confidence in our cause and in the power of the Allied forces, although never greater or better founded than it is to-day, calls for the utmost activity on the part of our people in every walk of life. I am, for these reasons, glad to know that a conference with the Dominion Authorities has resulted in an arrangement for co-operation between the Dominion and all the Provinces in the important matter of food production.

We all rejoice over the fact that members of the gallant First Contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, which left Canada for the War in September, 1914, have begun to arrive here on well-earned furlough. I join with all our people in extending to these heroes a warm and affectionate welcome. Canada can never fully repay the debt she owes the brave soldiers who guarded the Empire in its supreme hour of danger, and won imperishable glory.

Much of the legislation you have been called upon to consider arises out of war conditions. The Act respecting the distribution and sale of fish is designed to increase the supply of fish food, and thus reduce the consumption of meats urgently required for use overseas. Last year's operations, though largely experimental, suggest the possibility of useful results in the future under the powers now conferred.

Another measure brought about by the War is the Act providing for the development and preservation of the fuel resources of Ontario. I trust that

some relief from scarcity of fuel may be obtained through the agency of a Fuel Controller, authorized to regulate the consumption of fuel and develop new sources of supply.

In order that vacant lands may be made productive, Municipalities have been authorized to take control of such land and to allot it to persons undertaking to bring it under cultivation.

An Act has been adopted to bring under official regulation and supervision the treatment of venereal diseases.

Important steps have been taken for the improvement of the public service. The Act providing for the appointment of a Purchasing Agent is intended to place all Government purchases under expert control. Another measure places the Civil Service of the Province under the supervision of a Commissioner, who will be responsible for the qualification of all appointees, and will report and advise upon the efficiency of the Service.

Several Bills containing suggested amendments to the Assessment Law, and also a Bill to amend the Marriage Act, have been referred to Special Committees instructed and empowered to sit during the recess and report thereon to the next sitting of the Legislature.

I desire to thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the Public Service, and for the various undertakings of the Government, which will be expended with due regard to economy and efficiency.

In relieving you of your duties, I desire to thank you for the beneficial legislation you have enacted, and to express the hope that the blessing and protection of Almighty God will continue to abide with our people and our Empire.

The Provincial Secretary then said,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

It is His Honour's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

APPENDIX No. 1

REPORT

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to present the following as its Report:—

Your Committee has had produced before it the following accounts, vouchers, correspondence and particulars in connection with the Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1917, which it has carefully examined and considered:—

Details in connection with item, Special Warrant, $10,000.00 "Purchasing horses to resell by private sale," on page 673 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Details in connection with item, Special Warrant, $25,000.00, "Purchasing cattle and other live stock," page 671 of the Public Accounts.

Explanation in connection with item $4,732.30, A. E. D. Bruce, on page 671 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Explanation in connection with item $6,135.82, W. E. D. Bruce, on page 673 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Details of item $9,798.80, "Pay lists, wages of men, Government House," page 408 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Details in connection with item $20,880.26, John M. Lyle, architect, "Commission Ontario Reformatory, Guelph Boiler House, etc.," on page 669 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Explanation in respect of item $18,369.82, McConnell & Ferguson, "Contract *re* advertising in sundry newspapers"; appearing under Special Warrant, $24,975.54, "Campaign to encourage production of food stuffs, etc." on page 668 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Particulars of item $24,712.56, "The Advancement of Settlement and Colonization and the Assistance of Settlers," on page 629 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Particulars of item $87,550.30, "Burwash Farm," on page 293 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Explanation of item $11,362.26, Special Warrant, "Grants in aid of recruiting and similar purposes," on page 654 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Messrs. R. P. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works; C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture; W. W. Dunlop, Inspector of Asylums and Prisons; A. E. D. Bruce; and T. R. Jennings were examined.

Your Committee has held, during the present Session, four meetings, and submits herewith the Minutes of the Proceedings and the evidence given, as taken by stenographers.

C. McCrea,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
Toronto, March 20th, 1918.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Toronto, March 8, 1918.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year 1916-17, and composed of the following members: Sir William Hearst, Sir Adam Beck, and Messieurs Bowman, Cameron, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Clarke, Dargavel, Dewart, Donovan, Ducharme, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Gillespie, Godfrey, Hall (Lanark), Hanna, Hartt, Hilliard, Hook, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Lennox, Lucas, Mageau, Machin, Magladery, Munro, McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Owens, Pinard, Price, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rankin, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe.)

Present—Messieurs Carew, Cargill, Clarke, Ducharme, Gillespie, Hartt, Munro, McCrea, McGarry, Proudfoot, Sinclair.

Moved by Mr. McGarry, That Mr. McCrea be elected Chairman for the Session.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That details be furnished shewing how horses, listed Special Warrant $10,000.00, page 673 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17, were disposed of and to whom, and amounts received for same.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That details be furnished how live stock, as listed, Special Warrants, page 671 of the Public Accounts 1916-17, were disposed of, to whom, and the amounts received.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That details be furnished of item $4,732.30, A. E. D. Bruce, on page 671 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That details be furnished of item W. E. D. Bruce $6,135.82 on page 673 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That details be furnished of pay-list of men employed as gardeners and firemen, item $9,798.80 Government House, page 408 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That details be furnished of account of John M. Lyle for $20,880.26 on page 669 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That, *re* Special Warrants, page 668 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17, $24,975.54, details be given of account of McConnell and Ferguson, amounting to $18,369.82.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 13th, at 10.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,
Wednesday, March 13th, 1918.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10.30 a.m.

Present—Mr. McCrea, Chairman, and Messieurs Cargill, Clarke, Ducharme, Eilber, Jaques, Mageau, Magladery, Munro, Rankin, Sinclair.

Mr. C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, attended and was sworn and examined.

Mr. A. E. D. Bruce attended and was sworn and examined.

Mr. R. P. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works, attended, was sworn, examined and ordered to attend at next meeting of the Committee.

On Motion of Mr. Mageau, seconded by Mr. Clarke,

Ordered, That particulars be furnished this Committee of item "The Advancement of Settlement and Colonization and the Assistance of Settlers" ($24,712.56) appearing on page 629 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Mageau,

Ordered, That particulars be furnished this Committee of item $87,-550.30, Burwash Farm, appearing on page 293 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That details be produced before this Committee of item $11,-362.26, Lieut.-Col. C. G. Williams, Asst. Director of Recruiting, appearing on page 654 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

On Motion of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Ducharme,

Ordered, That details be furnished this Committee of item $5,000.00, Miller, Ferguson and Hunter, appearing on page 676 of the Public Accounts, 1916-17.

Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 15th, at 10.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,
Friday, March 15th, 1918.

Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10.30 and, for want of a quorum, adjourned until Wednesday, March 20th, at 11 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,
Wednesday, March 20th, 1918.

Committee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 11 a.m.

Present—Mr. McCrea, Chairman, and Messieurs Carew, Carter, Clarke, Dargavel, Dewart, Hilliard, Munro, McKeown, Rankin, Sinclair.

Mr. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works, was recalled and re-examined.

Mr. Bailey, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, was recalled and re-examined.

Mr. Dunlop, Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, was called, sworn and examined.

Mr. Jennings, Chief Clerk, Audit Office, was called, sworn and examined.

Mr. Grigg, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, attended, but was not examined.

The Committee work being concluded, the meeting adjourned, directions being given to report the proceedings to the House, in due course.

Public Accounts Committee,
Wednesday, March 13th, 1918.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. McCrea in the Chair.

Mr. C. F. Bailey, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, called and sworn.

Mr. Clarke: There is an item here of $18,369.82, on page 668 of the Public Accounts. I think you know what we want. It seems like a large

amount. Probably it is all right but we want to know about it. In the first place, who are McConnell and Ferguson?

A.—They are an advertising agency with headquarters in London and a branch office in Toronto.

Q.—London, Ontario?

A.—Yes. I got in touch with them for the reason that the year previous the Dominion Government carried on a similar campaign in which we were co-operating. They did the work then and I knew they could do this well. They submitted to us a list of the different newspapers all over the Province and we simply got through them the same rate as the newspapers would have charged us. They got their commission from the newspapers, not us at all.

Q.—You didn't pay any commission to these people?

A.—No, nothing.

Q.—How many papers did they advertise in?

A.—Every paper in the Province of Ontario, except the trade journals.

Q.—Do you mean that every newspaper in the Province handled these advertisements?

A.—Yes, here is a complete list of all the papers and their rates.

Q.—They furnished you the rates of these papers did they; or had you the knowledge of what they charged?

A.—Yes, as the amounts came in.

Q.—But when you made the contract with McConnell and Ferguson to advertise in all the papers of the Province you had arrived at some basis—the basis you arrived at, as I understand it, is that these newspapers would charge what they would have charged if you had advertised with them direct?

A.—Their regular rates, yes. In many cases it was much less than they would have charged us if we had gone after each individual newspaper. In fact I am quite sure of that, judging from past experience. Moreover, we were in a hurry, and it would have taken a lot of time to write to all these papers. The agency simply submitted to us a list of all the newspapers in the Province and the rates they thought they could get from them.

Q.—You did not know, as a matter of fact, whether you could make better deals yourself or not?

A.—We submitted rates to people we had confidence in and they said they were surprisingly low.

Q.—Would you be surprised to know that this firm got 25 *per cent.* commission for placing this advertising?

A.—I understood they got 15 *per cent.*

Q.—Yes, and some got 25 *per cent.* I have letters to that effect in my pocket. And some got some privileges outside of that.

A.—I did not know about that.

Q.—That is the case and I think it is a reasonable kick. Why should this firm make 25 *per cent.*, practically four or five thousand dollars out of

a job of this kind? However, you have said that whatever money they made was made out of the newspapers.

A.—Out of the newspapers, yes.

Q.—The whole thing as I understand it is this, Mr. Bailey; correct me if I am wrong. You went to this firm and they gave you the names of all the papers, or practically all the papers in the Province. They gave you the rates these newspapers would charge and you accepted them?

A.—Yes, provided the newspapers would accept the rates. If I read you the contract it would help to clear up that.

Q.—Did any of them take less than those prices?

A.—Some refused to take it at the price given and we had to deal with them separately.

Q.—Did you deal with them?

A.—The price was submitted to me and I approved of it.

Q.—That was through McConnell and Ferguson?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you the contract there?

A.—Yes. Here is a copy of the contract.

Mr. Chairman: What is this of?

A.—This is to McConnell and Ferguson, from me.

Ontario Department of Agriculture,
Toronto, February 15th, 1917.

Dear Sirs:—

You are hereby authorized to arrange for the advertising in connection with our Back Yard Garden or Home Garden Campaign and our Farm Help Campaign, as *per* your proposition No. 5 and schedules attached thereto, dated February 12th. In case any paper refuses to accept the advertising at the rate you have quoted you are to report to us with proper evidence that the rate has been refused. We will then decide whether you will be authorized to pay the rate demanded, or instructed to drop the paper from the list.

For the item of $2,815.50, covering illustrations, typesetting, plates, express charges, etc., you are to supply each daily paper with four advertisements on the garden campaign in plate or matrix form. You are also to supply each weekly paper or special publication (English) two advertisements on the garden campaign in plate or matrix form. You are also to supply each daily paper with four advertisements in plate or matrix form on the farm help campaign. You are also to supply two advertisements in plate or matrix form to each weekly or special publication (English) in connection with the farm help campaign.

In the cases of magazines and papers printed in foreign languages you are to supply plates of illustrations only and they are to set the type themselves.

You are to furnish us with copies of all publications containing the advertisements or at least with the page from each issue showing the insertion.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. F. Bailey,
Assistant Deputy Minister.

Messrs. McConnell & Ferguson,
Robins Building, Toronto.

Mr. Bailey: That is the contract we entered into with McConnell & Ferguson.

Mr. Carter: How many papers were there refused to contract? Where were they and who are they?

A.—That would require a little looking up.

Q.—Then I wish you would find that. I do not know that you made such a bad bargain, but I would like to know how many refused and the difference in the price you had to pay. If you cannot get it now you can submit it later.

Mr. Clarke: The newspaper men are kicking that they hadn't a chance to deal directly with the Government.

A.—As to that I may tell you that the Organization of Resources Committee this year have adopted a different policy. They are going to pay the newspapers their full rate and pay the agency for the work they actually do.

Mr. Sinclair: You will find that more expensive.

A.—Yes, it will be more expensive.

Mr. Clarke: Surely you don't need to pay anything additional. Haven't you a list in this House of every newspaper in Ontario? It shouldn't be much of a job to find out what they charge.

Mr. Munro: Cannot the Government make the same arrangement with the newspapers that this firm does?

A.—All this advertising had to be drafted. Besides this campaign was started late, and time was important. We knew nothing about advertising, and it would have taken weeks where this firm did it in days.

Mr. Sinclair: Manufacturing and industrial firms have found it cheaper to do their advertising in this way because these people are wholesale placers of advertising and get better rates. It costs manufacturers and industrial people less to place their advertising in that way, does it not—you simply followed the usual commercial practice?

A.—That is all.

Q.—And you paid no attention to the politics of the papers. I see in my own town both papers got equal advertising?

A.—Every newspaper in the Province was used.

Mr. Chairman: The point of the proposition is this—we want no false impression made. Certain papers are charging that they were held up by this agency to the extent of 25 *per cent.* Is there any intimation by the newspapers that the Department in any way was a party to the arrangement between the newspapers and the agency?

Mr. Clarke: I did not make that charge did I? I do not think I inferred that. I did not intend to.

Mr. Chairman: Did the newspapers have to pay any such commission, Mr. Bailey?

A.—No, they could come back to me and I would adjust it.

Mr. Clarke: For how long were these advertisements inserted?

A.—They varied—depending on the kind of advertising. There were three or four insertions of each.

Mr. Sinclair: This advertising agency supplied the matrix?

A.—It was boiler plate. That is part of the account of McConnell and Ferguson. They did the writing of the advertisements and the supplying of the boiler plate.

Q.—So that the newspapers had nothing to do but put it in their papers?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: In that case McConnell and Ferguson would really be part of the production. They were getting out the advertising matter?

A.—Yes, we gave them an idea of what we wanted and they put it into shape for us.

Q.—As between them and the newspapers they agreed as to how the amount paid for the advertising was to be divided?

Q.—They simply sent out to each newspaper and said, 'We will pay you so much for so much space. If you accept we will send you the material for such and such a day.' I think with one or two exceptions they all accepted.

Q.—You will furnish a list of those exceptions—those who didn't accept and were paid extra?

A.—There was some correspondence in reference to that, and I will get that.

Mr. Sinclair: Was this firm employed by the Dominion Government for conducting a similar campaign?

A.—Yes, the year previous, I had been assisting the Dominion Government in that campaign and these people were considered to be reliable.

Q.—There was no political pull in connection with it?

A.—No—in fact I think the firm are Liberals.

Q.—I know Mr. Ferguson is because he comes from my riding and is the strongest Liberal there. It isn't a question of politics?

A.—Oh, no.

Mr. Clarke: If this was the practical commercial way to place advertising, why are they changing it?

Mr. Chairman: This matter of commissions was entirely one between the agency and the newspapers. The Department had no part in it except where the newspaper refused to accept the advertising agency's rates. Is that right?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was there any newspaper that refused to accept the advertising agency's rates?

A.—I cannot say definitely, but I think there was some correspondence with reference to making an adjustment of some things.

Q.—If they refused to accept the rates, arrangements were made as between the Department and these newspapers?

A.—Yes, through McConnell and Ferguson.

Q.—In that case did you fix the commission or the arrangement as between McConnell and Ferguson and the newspapers?

A.—As far as I was concerned I did not. I did not know anything about the commissions.

Q.—Did you have any complaints from any of the newspapers, such as Mr. Clarke speaks of?

A.—I think we had one or two letters pointing out that this company was getting a commission.

Q.—Was that before or after the contracts were let?

A.—After. They did not wish their names mentioned.

Mr. Bailey was then examined in reference to an expenditure of $25,000 for "purchasing cattle and other live stock to resell to settlers in Northern Ontario," appearing on page 671 of the Public Accounts.

Mr. Clarke: Will you please tell us what is covered by that item?

A.—I might explain that we met with many difficulties. In New Ontario, you understand, live stock is going to be the basis of agriculture. You have to have live stock if you are going to build up that country. There were many settlers who wanted to buy cows and they could not go to Old Ontario for them. Unscrupulous dealers were in the habit of buying old cows, shipping them up there and selling them at high prices, and a lot of the settlers were disappointed. We couldn't very well take orders and fill them, because if you got a cow to the settler it probably wouldn't be what he asked for or thought he wanted. We erected a creamery at New Liskeard as a demonstration creamery

to find out how effective it would be in developing the live stock of the country. We considered it advisable to bring in three or four cars of cattle in order to increase the number of cows sending milk to that creamery. We bought the cows, mostly in Eastern Ontario and paid a man $5 a day and expenses to get them. We had to send a man with the car, too. Unfortunately, the day we advertised our sale they had one of the biggest storms in the north last year. Trains were tied up for three or four days and we had to postpone our sale for three weeks, advertise again, feed our stock and pay other bills, which greatly increased our expenses. Then again we anticipated that few people would come from Cochrane and that district. We got a single return fare to New Liskeard and agreed to ship any cattle free of charge by local freight over a radius of fifteen miles. Much to our surprise there were eighteen head of cattle sold outside that radius on which we were forced to pay local freight rates. Then again there was a large increased cost in handling the cattle. That was quite a large percentage. Then up at Port Arthur we had a sale there, and as you will understand, it is not very easy to get accommodation in Port Arthur. You have to pay far beyond what you would in some village in old Ontario, and our auctioneer cost more there than he would anywhere else.

Q.—Did you sell the cattle by auction?

A.—Yes, that was our first plan.

Mr. Sinclair: How would you buy the cattle down here?

A.—Just by sending around to the farms and picking them up in different sections where we thought we could get a carload. At Devlin we had an auction sale and the man we sent up to look after that work got in a train wreck and missed his train. We had to leave the sale in the hands of local people because it was advertised and the people were there. We were more or less handicapped on that account. We lost $18 a head down there. If we had had our own man there it wouldn't have been so much.

Mr. Munro: You lost $18 a head after adding in the expenses?

A.—Yes. On other cows we sold we lost an average of $10 a head. Following that we changed our system. You will notice there a purchase of 37 head—along about the first of June—they were sold by private treaty. We figured that in many cases under the old system the settler paid $30 or $40 more than a cow cost, while in other cases he paid $30 less than the cost. They didn't know the value of them and took a liking to cows that possibly weren't worth the money. We decided that the private treaty scheme would be more satisfactory. We took these 37 cows and divided them between the farms at New Liskeard and Monteith. The settlers went there and looked at them and picked out those they wanted. They were numbered, and when the settlers came to see about them we could tell by the numbers what

the cows cost in old Ontario. We added $10 to cover the charges of buying and transportation and we have an approximate gain from the sale of those 37 cattle of $5.74.

Mr. Clarke: You mean a saving on what you would have lost if you had sold them at auction?

A.—No. We actually are that much ahead.

Q.—What I understood you to say was that you were out $10 for expenses—until they were off your hands?

A.—No, that was what we were ahead.

Q.—$5.74—on this one lot?

A.—Yes, you see we had no control over the price when we sold by auction. There was our difficulty.

Mr. Carter: Some of the settlers who knew little about real quality bid high on a cow that looked good. The thing was going wrong, was it?

A.—It was not fair to the settlers who did not know good cattle when they saw them. We have adopted this policy and we are going, this spring, to put cattle on the farms in New Liskeard and Monteith and the prison farm at Fort William and perhaps on another farm in the Rainy River district. We will put a carload on each farm and number them so that the farmer can pick out the cow he wants.

Mr. Clarke: You bought these cattle about the first of June, weren't you able to sell them pretty quickly?

A.—No, we were not. You see the country is sparsely settled as yet. We carried these cows at New Liskeard, some of them until nearly time to put them into the stables. But to give you an idea of how live stock is going up there let me tell you this: We had three hundred cows, the milk from which was promised us for the creamery. This spring we have 800 in sight. It was started with the object of putting heart into the settlers and it is doing a lot.

Mr. Clarke: The principle of furnishing the cattle is a mighty good thing. The question is whether you cannot put them in with less expense.

A.—There is another point, too. In selling these cattle we sold for cash. They had never heard of a cash auction up north, and you seldom hear of it down here. If we had sold for credit we could have got, as far as bookkeeping was concerned, a handsome profit.

Mr. Carter: Have you got over your first mistakes; you are not going to average as bad as that?

A.—No. We were buying our first cattle in winter and you know the expense of doing that.

Mr. Munro: How many head of cattle have you handled?

A.—220 head.

Q.—Calves and cows?

A.—They were mostly cows.

Mr. Ducharme: What I gather is that if you pay $100 for a cow you add to the value of that $10 for expenses and you made $5 on this in the advertising and selling of these cattle?

A.—Not $5 a head.

Mr. Sinclair: You mean that you cleaned up all expenses and had $5 left on that particular lot?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How many were sold that way?

A.—Thirty-seven, including one calf.

Q.—And you had $5.74 left after selling the whole 37?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: Well that is fine. That is good. You couldn't do any better than that.

Mr. Sinclair: Is that the system you are going to follow in the future?

A.—We propose to buy cattle as soon as the grass is up in the north country and sell them for what they cost us to put them in.

Mr. Clarke: You will sell for cash?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: What is the winter protection for these cattle up there—what is the cost of carrying them through the winter. Can they readily get feed sufficient to carry them?

A.—Yes, they grow lots of hay up there. Often they don't know what to do with it all.

Mr. Sinclair: You don't carry any of these cows over for yourselves?

A.—We carry some at Kapuskasing, so that the soldiers will have milk at the farm.

Mr. Carter: And there is no difficulty in keeping them there?

A.—None, no difficulty whatever.

Q.—Will there be enough beef produced up there to feed the cities down here?

A.—That isn't a feature of the work just yet, that will be a later development. In the New Liskeard district we are encouraging dairying, but further north we are encouraging dual purpose cattle so they will grow beef.

Mr. Clarke: The principle is all right, but if you have to pay great big expenses the purchaser has to pay them?

A.—Yes, but in this case the cattle were sold at auction where we had these big expenses. The settler paid just what he thought the cow was worth. In the case of private sales our expenses were only $10 a head.

Mr. Clarke: Private sale was the best proposition?

A.—Oh, yes. Here are our expenses in selling by private treaty—services, $78; feed, $32; freight, $148; lumber, $5; incidentals, $32; travelling expenses, $11; sundries, $3; total, $311.05—that is under the latest scheme.

Mr. Sinclair: When did you start that?

A.—We started that last summer.

Mr. Mageau: How did you advertise these sales? How did the settlers know that cows or horses or cattle or whatever it might be you were selling were being brought in? How did you advertise the sale to the farmers?

A.—We put up posters around the different districts telling that a carload of cattle was being put in at a certain point and would be sold at cost to the settlers for cash.

Mr. Chairman: I think I have seen some in the newspapers.

A.—Yes, in the newspapers as well. We put the posters up in the railway stations and stores, etc.

Mr. Sinclair: The results have been very good, Mr. Bailey?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Mageau: Is this being done in the older parts of New Ontario as in the newer parts?

A.—If we knew there was need for it, it probably would be. That is a matter for Mr. Ferguson to decide, but I imagine he is prepared to extend it to any part of Northern Ontario.

Mr. Mageau: The reason I asked is that I think a good deal of work could be done in the district where I am (Sturgeon Falls). The farmers there want to get proper stock, they want to improve their stock. That is the idea.

A.—Their stock could be better improved by using good sires than by bringing in new families. They can get good bulls free of charge from the Dominion Government. The Dominion Government has put in a lot of sires.

Mr. Clarke: You are not sending in high-grade stock?

A.—We are sending in good grade cows. We started the policy of sending in good sires four years ago. The Dominion Government took it over and is extending it to every part of the Dominion.

Mr. Sinclair: Didn't the Province of Saskatchewan buy a herd of high-grade cows to take out there?

A.—Yes, and Manitoba has done the same, too.

The witness was then excused.

Mr. R. P. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works, called and sworn.

Mr. Clarke: You have an item here on page 408 of $9,798, I think it is for wages of men?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you give us the details about that—who are the men and what are their wages?

A.—You want the details of that whole sum of $9,798?

Q.—Yes.

A.—Well, there was the wages of the engineer from November 1, 1916, to April 3, 1917, amounting to $496.62. The reason for that was that he was paid up to that date from the vote for the wages of gardeners and other help. After that he was paid out of a special vote for the engineer.

Mr. Sinclair: What are his duties?

A.—He has charge of the heating and ventilating and general supervision of that sort at Government House.

Q.—Is that all run under one system?

A.—Yes, under one system.

Mr. Clarke: What is next?

A.—Wages of firemen, November 1st, 1916, to October 31st, 1917, $2,579.74.

Q.—How many months is that for?

A.—That is for the whole year.

Mr. Carter: Have you a fireman beside the engineer?

A.—Yes, there is an engineer and three firemen—three firemen during the winter and two during the summer.

Mr. Clarke: How many firemen does that amount cover?

A.—It covers three firemen. A man is required in the boiler-room constantly and this provides an eight-hour shift.

Mr. Munro: How does the one engineer manage. He would not have an eight-hour day would he?

A.—Yes, he has an eight-hour day. While he was there there would be two men. He supervises the whole thing.

Q.—He is not there twenty-four hours?

A.—No, he has responsibility for the whole plant, sees that the machinery is kept in proper condition and supervises the stokers in their work.

Mr. Ducharme: How is it that the engineer only gets $496?

A.—That is for only part of the year.

Mr. Clarke: What portion of the year was that?

A.—From November 1 to April 3—that would be about five months.

Mr. Sinclair: The others would get about $2 a day—the firemen.

A.—No, it varies, you cannot get good firemen for less than three dollars a day now. During the summer we only had two firemen; in the winter three.

Mr. Carter: How many days do they work?

A.—Seven days a week.

Mr. Clarke: What others are there?

A.—There is wages of messenger and some special cleaning done in Government House, when women came in and cleaned the house—$2,420.86.

Mr. Carter: That is for special cleaning?

A.—Well, there is a returned soldier at the door who directs parties who come to the House, and it is for other work as well. The messenger's wages are in that, and the pay of the women who did the cleaning.

Mr. Chairman: You mean charwomen?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: We have a list now of part of the help. Can you tell us what additional amounts are paid out for help at that institution besides those?

A.—There is nothing else.

Q.—Does this item of $2,420 cover the domestics in the House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who pays the domestics?

A.—They are paid by His Honour.

Q.—Out of his private purse?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The Government does not contribute anything toward the upkeep of the House?

A.—No, nothing at all except for furniture and furnishings, nor for the domestics except these special cleaners who come in for short periods.

Q.—Do I understand from you then that the item for engineer and firemen and these extras cover practically all the Government pays out for labour in the year toward Government House—for running it?

A.—That is all—except that you haven't got the item for the gardeners yet.

Q.—Then give us that.

A.—$4,302.28.

Q.—Do I understand this is for the gardener and the help he has around the place?

A.—Yes. There is a regular staff. They were on the old Government House—five men besides the gardener himself.

Mr. Sinclair: It is simply a continuance of the old conditions?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: Except on a more extended scale.

A.—No, it is not on a more extended scale, except that men who used to get $1.25 a day now get $2.50, while the man who used to get $1.50 now gets $3.00.

Mr. Carter: What is the amount for engineers and firemen?

A.—The engineer got $496.62.

Q.—That is for five months?

A.—Yes. The firemen got $2,579.74—that is for three firemen.

Mr. Clarke: I understand then, that the amount for the engineer and firemen and this amount of $4,220 for messenger and help practically covers all the money paid out for help for Government House?

A.—There is the wages of the gardener himself.

Q.—What does the gardener get?

A.—The gardener appears in the first item in the Public Accounts—$1,100.

Mr. Sinclair: There is no deputy gardener or assistant gardener other than is covered in the $4,000 item?

A.—No, the gardener claims that he doesn't get any more now than he did before.

Mr. Ducharme: He gets $1,100 and that is all he gets?

A.—Yes, that is all he gets.

Mr. Clarke: Have we all the help now?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Sinclair: Then as I understand you there is no increase in help in the new Government House, and that the increased cost is due to the increased cost of wages?

A.—Of course in the case of the engineer and fireman there are more—

Q.—I mean the gardeners.

A.—No, there are no more.

Mr. Ducharme: Doesn't it cost more for gardeners outside of the annual increase in wages than it did?

A.—You see in the old Government House there were six or seven acres of lawn and gardens, and there was a propagating house and conservatory probably more expensively equipped than that in Government House now.

Mr. Clarke: Will you tell us how many tons of coal were consumed in Government House last year?

A.—I could not speak as to that, I thought you were inquiring about these other particular items.

Q.—According to the Public Accounts there were 976 tons purchased.

A.—Whatever is in the Public Accounts would probably be right, but I haven't checked it over.

Q.—There appears on page 408 an item of 976 tons of coal, costing $4,608. Was this coal all used?

Mr. Sinclair: You do not know of your own knowledge how much of that coal was used—you only know how much was purchased?

A.—I know this was purchased for Government House.

Mr. Clarke: I want to know how much of this coal was consumed or whether it was simply purchased.

A.—My answer is that the coal was consumed in Government House, provided the accounts are correct, and I am confident they are. There is no large stock of coal on hand.

Q.—There is an item there that seems big—" Ink wells, candlesticks, etc., $84—I presume it is correct since it appears in the Public Accounts.

A.—The answer to that would be that the total sum purchased from Ellis Bros. under the heading of furniture and furnishings was $84.25. In entering it in the Public Accounts they couldn't enter every small item so they enter those that probably are first in the account or the largest sum in the account. In other words, there may be some additional things. That would cover other small things purchased from Ellis Bros. during the whole of the year.

Q.—I see you have another item—a candlestick account of $162. Is that for this alone, or are there some others?

A.—The same explanation would cover that. We bought a number from both of these firms. It was a case of necessity in the event of the electric light going out, to have means of lighting the House.

Q.—I see there is a brass rail there, that seems an expensive rail—$85. What is that used for?

A.—That was a rail put up at the side of the main stair. When the House was first put up there was no rail put up at the side of the stair and His Honour asked that a rail be put up. It is at the side of the stairs, just a handrail, where there was no rail before.

Q.—He thought wood would not hold him, eh?

A.—Well, wood would probably cost more than the brass. That has been our experience. The brass is generally a little cheaper.

Q.—What is this item, "pine cloak cupboards and cloak racks"? I see it is $288.

A.—That is a cloakroom for the gentlemen. It was found to be necessary when there were so many attending the functions. It was put in the basement storey and fitted up—just pine racks to hold the hats and coats, etc., of the men.

Q.—It must be a very large affair to cost that amount of money. That would store away the coats of an army.

A.—That is what it is for anyway. It was for fitting up one of the rooms in the basement as a cloakroom for gentlemen attending the functions at Government House.

Mr. Sinclair: That is really a capital expenditure, isn't it?

A.—Well that might be classed as a capital expenditure, though we had no vote for capital for Government House this year. It was a necessity.

Mr. Munro: I see, commencing on page 407, there is an expenditure totalling $13,084.88. That has been spent?

A.—Yes, that has been spent.

Q.—Turn to the next page—there is an item there of $7.75. That is for Government House?

A.—Yes, that is for rubber boots. We have to get a special vote for that before the Auditor will pass it.

Q.—Then there is an item of $568.33. That is for Government House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then there is $367.07. That is for Government House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And below that there is $294.85 for uniforms. That is for Government House?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: Those are the uniforms of the boys around the place?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then $386.90. That is for Government House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—All these amounts have been spent in connection with Government House during the last year?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: I suppose there is a separate account for Government House?

A.—There is a separate account for each one of these votes.

Q.—Would you keep a general account for Government House the same as you would for the Hamilton Asylum, for instance, in which appears all the items charged to Government House?

A.—It would all be charged to Government House.

Q.—Can you furnish us with what has been charged during the last year?

A.—Yes, $28,559.25.

Q.—That is the total for the year?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: That is what you say was the actual cost of Government House—the cost to the Province for the year in the running expenditure of Government House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is also the private expenditure of the Lieutenant-Governor?

A.—Yes.

Q.—But this is the cost to the Province for the year?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: That would include maintenance and repairs, would it not?

A.—Yes, maintenance and repairs to Government House.

Mr. Clarke: Are all the accounts for this year paid?

A.—Everything is paid, yes.

Q.—There are no accounts outstanding that have to be paid?

A.—No, no accounts outstanding.

Q.—That covers the whole expenditure—the $28,000?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Coal and all those things?

A.—Everything the Province pays.

Mr. Munro: Take on page three of the Public Accounts. There is an item there of $2,050, paid to Sir John Hendrie.

A.—That is for contingencies for his office.

Q.—That is in connection with Government House, isn't it?

A.—No, that is not in connection with running Government House. It is the same as if he had his office in the building here.

Mr. Carter: There is his aide, $1,400—is that in addition to that or is it included?

A.—That is extra. The $2,050 item is simply contingencies for which he has not to account, expenditures in connection with the work of his office.

Mr. Carter: Then that $2,000 is really an expenditure on Government House outside of salary?

A.—It is not on Government House. The Lieutenant-Governor's office is in the building here.

Q.—It is in this building?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Sinclair: All these items have been passed by the House? The appropriations were all made for them last session. The expenditures made here were all authorized by the House?

A.—Yes, they were all authorized, except that some have been slightly over expended on account of the increased price of labour and materials. But, subject to that, they have all been authorized. You see coal has advanced $3 a ton since the appropriation was made.

Mr. Clarke: How many furnaces have they burning that 976 tons?

A.—There are two boilers in the boiler-room and another for heating hot water.

Mr. Sinclair: These are not all items that regularly recur, are they? They are really for finishing the house, many of them. Take this item of T. Eaton & Co. of $1,153. That is not an item that will occur again as part of the regular annual expenditure? Such items as that will disappear once the house is finished?

A.—Some of them will. There are a lot of little items which turn up that haven't been figured on. There were one or two items of that character. In finishing a house there are always some things to be added before it is complete.

Q.—You say that during the last year there has been a large increase in the price of coal?

A.—Yes, for the first of it we paid $5.46, and later $8.35. In advertising for tenders we couldn't get a tender at all for coal for any of the Government buildings.

Mr. Carter: How much did you have to buy at the extra price?

A.—We bought 239 tons at the extra price.

Q.—That would be an increase of about $700.

A.—Something like that.

Mr. Ducharme: What is the salary of the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Fairbairn?

A.—I cannot say what it is now. It used to be $10,000.

Mr. Sinclair: I would like to know something about the comparison in maintenance. Take in 1904. Can you give me about the cost then?

A.—It was $15,039.99. That was the cost of repairs and maintenance then.

Mr. Carter: I didn't understand when you gave us the $28,000 that it included any repairs. That didn't include repairs, did it?

A.—If there were repairs it would include them.

Q.—Then it includes repairs as well as the pay of workmen?

A.—Yes, it includes the repairs.

Mr. Munro: Would it be reasonable to say that it would require as many repairs for a new building as for an old one?

A.—No, but a new building requires some attention every year or two before you get it complete.

Mr. Carter: What was the amount of repairs in 1904?

A.—It was not given in detail then as it is now. It is in a lump sum.

Mr. Sinlair: That amount you have named compares with $28,000 this year?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In spite of the doubling of labor and everything of that kind?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And it is not fair to say that the item of $28,000 would represent maintenance and repairs in ordinary seasons once you get established?

A.—No, it would not.

Q.—Things are required this year that will not be required again?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: Would they amount to more than $1,000?

A.—Oh, yes.

Mr. Sinclair: Every item has been passed by last year's House?

A.—Except certain items which were an increase, such as that for the purchase of coal.

Q.—And if there was any objection to be raised that was the time to raise it?

A.—I should think so.

Mr. Mageau: Since Mr. Sinclair has taken up 1904 accounts may I ask if the $15,000 expenditure was all, or if there was an additional amount such as that for contingencies last year. Was there a corresponding item then?

A.—Yes, there would be a corresponding charge there under civil government. It was $2,170 in 1904.

Mr. Sinclair: The total in 1904 was really more than it is to-day on the same items?

A.—No, there was $2,900 for contingencies and $1,400 for salaries last year as compared with $2,170 in 1904.

Mr. Carter: Then it is more than double?

A.—But the contingencies you are speaking of now have nothing to do with Government House.

Q.—It is in connection with the Lieutenant-Governor's office, whether at Government House or not.

A.—It is in connection with his office and has nothing to do with Government House.

Mr. Clarke: What salary does the Lieutenant-Governor get, and who pays it?

A.—It is paid by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Ducharme: The whole of it. Is no part paid by the Ontario Government?

A.—No, he is an official of the Dominion Government. We have nothing to do with it.

Mr. Clarke: All we have to do is to pay the expenses of the House?

A.—Yes. You must remember that it is not only the Lieutenant-Governor's residence. It is the residence of the Governor-General. He comes frequently to Toronto and brings a large staff. There are seventeen people come with him, and he lives at Government House.

Mr. Mageau: What would be the total cost for the gardening, including seeds and bulbs and seeds, and those kind of things, including wages and that sort of thing. What would be the total expenditure for that?

A.—It would take a little time to work that out.

Q.—Well, perhaps you can get that information for me.

The Committee then adjourned.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

March 20, 1918.

The Committee met at 11 a.m., with Mr. McCrae in the chair.

Mr. R. P. Fairbairn, Deputy Minister of Public Works, called and sworn.

Mr. Clarke: Mr. Fairbairn there is an item here of $20,880.26 paid to John M. Lyle for balance due on account. Is that the architect?

A.—That is the balance of his account as architect of the buildings of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph.

Q.—Is that the total?

A.—If you add $28,857.20 to that it will give you the total.

Q.—In other words, about $49,000—that is for the architect's work for the Guelph buildings?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: What is the cost of those buildings?

A.—That is a point that would have to be decided in determining the balance due the architect. There is a peculiar circumstance; prison labour was employed during the whole time and a great deal of material was found on the site for which the value had to be determined. Of course the architect would be fairly entitled to his commission on the prison labour and the material on the site as the work of the architect would not be any less, rather more if anything, by the employment of prisoners, which would not appear in the cost of the buildings. Perhaps if I read the contract it would make the matter clear to you.

Q.—How was the architect paid—a percentage?

A.—The contract was that he was to receive five *per cent.* of the actual cost to the Government of the buildings, plus a fair valuation of the prisoners' labour and the material used from the site. He placed himself pretty much in the hands of the Government as to the value to be placed on the labour of the prisoners employed and the material secured on the site.

Mr. Munro: Was he the contractor?

A.—He was the architect who prepared the plans and specifications and working drawings, and superintended the work.

Mr. Clarke: Did he earn this in two years?

A.—It extended over a number of years—from 1910.

Mr. Carter: But there hasn't been much going on in the last two years—there hasn't been much since it was taken over by the Military Hospital Commission.

A.—The work was completed under his charge in 1915, so that it extended over five years. He had to pay his staff, the overhead expenses of his office and to employ special engineers. The construction was changed after Mr. Lyle had prepared his plans, and reinforced concrete construction was adopted which required the employment by him of specialists in that class of work.

Mr. Munro: The total would be a little over $50,000 wouldn't it?

A.—It would be $49,757.40.

Mr. Clarke: You said he had to employ specialists. Would that be in reference to getting out his drawings?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He would not have to employ anyone, any labour outside the getting up of the plans and supervising the work?

A.—It would be in preparing the drawings. When you go into reinforced concrete, architects like Mr. Lyle would naturally employ specialists in that class of work.

Q.—Of course he was doing other work besides yours. He was the architect for other buildings in the Province during that time?

A.—No doubt he was doing other business. The five *per cent.* paid the architect is recognized as the fair share of the cost of the building. It has been for many years.

Mr. Sinclair: It is the ordinary rate?

A.—Yes, when I was in private practice I used to receive that. You have to pay for your stationery, and stationery amounts to a great deal a year. He doesn't get the whole of that for his own services.

Mr. Dewart: What working staff had the Public Works Department during this period—generally speaking?

Mr. Chairman: That is hardly a proper question.

Mr. Dewart: The reason I ask is that I want to know why some of the men employed in the Public Works Department didn't do some of this work.

A.—They were busy with other work. This was something special.

Q.—What staff had you at command, during the period when this work was being done?

A.—We had quite a staff.

Q.—How many were employed?

A.—I cannot answer that off-hand, but there would be a chief architect, an assistant and perhaps two or three draftsmen on the permanent list and such other assistants as were necessary.

Q.—Was any portion of the Government staff engaged in work in connection with this contract?

A.—No; no portion of the Department's staff was engaged on that work.

Mr. Sinclair: I understand they were engaged elsewhere?

A.—Oh, yes, they were engaged elsewhere.

Mr. Dewart: Couldn't they have been employed on this and lessen this charge?

A.—It is questionable if it could be lessened much.

Mr. Sinclair: You would have had to retain a new staff?

A.—Yes, we would have had to get a much larger staff.

Q.—This account extends over five years?
A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: Mr. Armstrong attended to the construction part, didn't he?
A.—He attended to it as representative of the Provincial Secretary's Department.
Q.—He had the construction in charge, he watched the business. He was in charge as clerk of works for the Provincial Secretary?
A.—No, he was Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Sinclair: He was Assistant Provincial Secretary at that time and had the duties of the Assistant Provincial Secretary—and those were not the architect's duties?
A.—That is so.

Mr. Dewart: Most of them were performed at Guelph, were they not?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Armstrong was the administrative head of the department under which this work came?
A.—Yes.
Q.—This was a case in which they couldn't let a contract because prison labour had to be employed. It required a skilled architect to look after that class of work?
A.—Yes.
Q.—Will the vouchers show how this amount was computed?
A.—Yes.

Mr. Munro: There must have been a large amount expended when it called for such large fees.
A.—Just about a million dollars.

Mr. Dewart: Take that cost of a million or whatever it was; what portion of that consisted of prison labour and what value did you place on the prison labour employed?

A.—If you want the details of that I could give it. In the report here the amount assessed for prison labour was $175,278.75.

Mr. Sinclair: That is extending over a period of five years?
A.—Yes. That is based on the number of days' work performed.

Mr. Dewart: What was the prison labour charged at? What value did you place on it *per* day?
A.—I think it was $1.25 *per* day.

Q.—Have you details showing how the whole cost was made up there?

A.—No, but attached to this voucher I have here there is a complete report by Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Todd, to the Provincial Secretary.

Q.—I thought that if you had the figures to show what proportion of the cost was for material, for free labour and prison labour, they might go on the record. Can you give them?

Mr. Chairman: Can you give the details Mr. Dewart has asked?

Mr. Dewart: The details of the cost of the buildings.

A.—I could give the method by which the balance of the account was arrived at.

Mr. Dewart: Can you show us what portion of the cost was for material, what for free labour with superintendence and other charges, and what for prison labour?

A.—The voucher only shows the actual cash cost to the Government. It is not analysed. Then there is the material found on the site and the labour of the prisoners.

Q.—What is the total cost?

A.—Well, the total cost to the Government in cash was $717,076.91. That is the cash total of the buildings under Mr. Lyle's superintendence.

Mr. Sinclair: That is outside prison labour?

A.—Yes, outside prison labour and the materials found on the site.

Mr. Dewart: About what was the value of the materials found on the site?

A.—About $100,000.

Q.—Stone mostly?

A.—Cut stone, crushed stone entering into concrete and sand that entered into the concrete.

Mr. Carter: That didn't complete the whole of the buildings—they had a lot of plans but did they ever do it all?

A.—I judge from the voucher that it does.

Q.—No, no. There are foundations buried and made into lawns—foundations actually buried now and made into lawns.

Mr. Chairman: What is your question?

Mr. Carter: Whether that included the whole of his plans that he laid out, the completion of the plans he laid out.

A.—The commission was decided upon, as I said, on the total cash value of the buildings erected plus a valuation of the prison labour and the ma-

terials found on the grounds that went into the buildings. Would you like to have the contract read?

MR. CARTER: I think it would clear the air if that was done. Let us have it.

MR. CLARKE: He was not allowed on the buildings that were not constructed—the plans didn't bring him any revenue if the buildings were not constructed?

A.—I cannot answer that definitely. I fancy he was paid his commission for the preparation of the plans and there was no commission for construction.

MR. CARTER: And do you say they were all carried out?

A.—I could not say that. I do not know. I haven't any definite knowledge. If you like I will read the contract. This is the proposition Mr. Lyle made to the Government. It is addressed to Hon. Mr. Hanna, dated February 21, 1910.

Re Architect's Commission, New Central Prison.

DEAR SIR:

I have given some time to the consideration of the commission to be charged for professional services rendered in connection with the proposed new Central Prison.

As the conditions governing this work are so unique insomuch as a major part of the materials and labour are to be supplied free of cost to the Government, the difficulty of arriving at an equitable basis for my professional charges is readily seen.

According to the schedule of the minimum charges of the Ontario Association of Architects whose charges are legalized by the Government, I am entitled to five *per cent.* of the total cost of the building when completed, and if any material or labour used be already on the ground or come into possession of the owner apart from the contract, the value is to be added to the sum actually computed before the commission is computed.

While an undertaking of this character involves great labour and expense to the architect, I can readily understand that from the Government's point of view it would be desirable to effect the greatest economy possible in the construction of these buildings. The more work that is done by prison labour and the more materials that are manufactured under prison labour the greater the work for the architect; more of his personal time would be required, also more inspection from his office. The accounting and keeping track of time, materials and labour, etc., is in itself no small item.

I would not care to undertake this work unless I felt that I could do it to the best of my ability and with a fair margin of profit for my services.

I estimate that the prison labour in connection with the work would

effect a saving of somewhere between twenty and eighty *per cent.* This percentage would vary according to the character of the work in hand. A similar saving could probably be effected in the manufacture of much of the material for the different buildings.

In order to effect the greatest possible economy in the conduct of the work I would suggest the following arrangement—that I should receive, on the completion of my scale of drawings and specifications for the buildings to be erected for the present requirements, three *per cent.* of the estimated contract price, and in addition my travelling expenses and time for myself and inspector; my own time to be on the basis of $16 a day of eight hours, and my inspector at the rate of $5 *per* day, and that, pending the completion of the work, my commission should be figured on the actual cost to the Government of all time and material in connection with the same. The last mentioned commission to be computed and paid three times during the year.

This would leave the amount of my commission to be charged for on time and materials under prison labour, open. In other words, I would leave the question of the total cost of the buildings—the amount on which my final commission would be based—in the hands of the Government, trusting to their fairness in the adjustment of this final commission.

Hoping that my desire to serve the Government in the best interest of this important work has been made plain,

I remain, your very respectfully,

(Sgd.) JOHN M. LYLE.

Then there is Mr. Hanna's letter to Mr. Lyle dated May 12th, 1910.

DEAR SIR:

Adverting to your letter of 21st February last, and in line with our discussion with you in Council yesterday, I understand your charges as architect to be five *per cent.* of the cost of buildings, and $16 a day and travelling expenses for yourself, and $5 *per* day and travelling expenses for your inspector for every day you necessarily spend at Guelph, the value of the prison labour and our own material in the shape of stone, gravel and sand, etc., put into the construction to be estimated by the Government, and this value, plus the cash outlay actually made on construction account, to be taken as the cost of the buildings, for the purposes of the Commission. Please confirm or correct my understanding of this.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) W. J. HANNA.

MR. CLARKE: Take that $16 a day—is that plus the five *per cent.* commission?

A.—No, that is a tentative payment.

Mr. Dewart: It was in Mr. Hanna's memorandum. It was perfectly clear that it was to be an extra amount.

Mr. Chairman: As I understand this $16 a day it was an advance pending a final settlement for his services?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Dewart: As I understand it he gets $16 a day in addition to his five *per cent.*

A.—I can show clearly from the file that the method of fixing the balance was this. Mr. Lyle had an estimate made from the plans and specifications of the value of the buildings. The Government did the same thing. Mr. Lyle was paid his three *per cent.* commission for the plans and specifications The contract made called for a commission on the actual cash value plus an allowance for prison labor and materials. The method of determining the balance was that these four values or amounts were added together, and an average struck, and Mr. Lyle was paid his commission on that cost.

Mr. Clarke: Your average was five *per cent.*—that was what you reached?

A.—Five *per cent.*, yes.

Q.—When you drew all these four facts together, or four agreements, you averaged it out at five *per cent.* on the whole construction of the work. That was for plans and superintendence only on the buildings that reached that amount?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And if it was a million he would get the five *per cent.?*

A.—Yes.

Q.—Apparently you had this system of four ways of getting at it, and finally reached five *per cent.* on the cost of construction?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And that included all the plans and everything?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And all his superintendence and his time?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: That included the labour of the prisoners?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: If that was valued at so much; if the value of the prisoners' labour was put in with the cost of construction he would also get a commission on the prisoners' labour?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You didn't pay them, but this was put in as if it was regular labour at this price?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: In giving this amount as the final balance to him everything was included upon which that amount was based, including prison labour and the materials found upon the place?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: And the prison labour was put at $1.25 a day?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: I do not understand this $16 a day.

A.—When the plans and specifications and working drawings were completed he was to receive his three *per cent.*, and the question was on what he was to receive his three *per cent.*, as there was no contract price. He made an estimate of what it was, and received his three *per cent.* The $16 a day and his travelling expenses for superintendence were tentative payments only. When the final cost was determined he was paid five *per cent.* on the whole.

Q.—You were paying him interim payments. He got three *per cent.* and $16 a day, but in the final adjustment he was paid his five *per cent.* on the whole. Is that it?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Dargavel: Didn't the whole thing simmer down to this; he was paid five *per cent.*, the usual price paid to architects, on the cost of these buildings?

A.—Yes, exactly.

Mr. Sinclair: It is the ordinary charge?

A.—Yes.

Mr. W. W. Dunlop, Inspector of Asylums, called and sworn.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Dunlop, you have heard Mr. Carter make a statement that there were some foundations made according to the plans of the architect which had been covered up by lawn. What are the facts in connection with that? Is that correct?

A.—The block plan of the reformatory called for two additional dormitories, numbers three and four. I am positive no foundations have been covered up with lawn, except the tunnels leading from the administration building to the different workshops.

Mr. Carter: Are all the buildings completed? Aren't there foundations there and no more construction made on them?

A.—Any foundation that was constructed on the site has a building on it.

Q.—Every foundation?

A.—Every foundation. The foundation that you possibly allude to is the reinforced concrete tunnel from the main building to the workshops.

Q.—No, there was a building—I cannot say in which direction—the foundation of which was there for months and years, and nothing came of it.

A.—It is not there now.

Mr. Dewart: Perhaps that was before Mr. Dunlop's time.

A.—I was there in the spring of 1911. The only concrete foundation I can think of that was not built upon is about two or three feet deep, and is on one side of the dormitory where it is enclosed with a steel grill work, and that foundation was purposely put there to build the grill work up to make a yard enclosure for the prisoners. That would be a foundation, but it was put there for building this steel grill, and it is now built.

Mr. Chairman: There are no foundations covered by lawn?

A.—Oh, no. We have covered the tunnels.

Q.—Then that statement is not correct?

A.—No.

Mr. Carter: I had seen a foundation for a time with nothing on it, and I had been informed by men who worked there steadily that you had covered up foundations.

A.—No, that is not so.

Mr. Carter: Then I am pleased to hear it is not correct, and I will have no hesitation in telling people that.

Mr. Clarke: This Burwash farm originally was, or is it now, for what are known as interned men?

A.—Oh, no.

Q.—Are there no interned men there?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Give us a description of it just shortly; how many men are there?

A.—There is an average of 200 to 280 men at the present time. Originally the farm was an industrial farm for the north country, and took care of the man who was in trouble in the districts, the man who was used to the bush, had worked in the bush and could live comfortably in camp life. When the Guelph Reformatory was turned over to the Military Hospitals Commission we were confronted, of course, with the removal of the prisoners at Guelph, and had to make some extensive alterations in our plans at the Burwash camp to accommodate these men. It brought the number of men there up from about 100 to 250 on an average.

Mr. Munro: That would be 150 from Guelph?

A.—Yes, I think a little more than that. At the time it brought our average up to 250 or 300 men.

Mr. Clarke: I do not understand that. Before you transferred these prisoners from Guelph you had about 100 men up there?

A.—No, it would range from 80 to 125.

Q.—What were they there for—what was their occupation?

A.—They were law-breakers.

Mr. Sinclair: From the various districts?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: This is operated as a farm, isn't it? Is general farming carried on?

A.—Farming, clearing land, and lumbering. Of course they could not farm until they had cleared the land.

Q.—How much land have you cleared and in cultivation?

A.—We have cleared 225 acres.

Q.—Since what time?

A.—Since we began farming.

Q.—What time was that?

A.—It must be four years now.

Q.—When you say cleared, is that in cultivation?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Munro:—When did you move the prisoners from Guelph?

A.—July, 1917; no, it was May, because the Hospitals Commission took it over on the 1st of June or the last part of May.

Mr. Clarke: You say you have 225 acres under crop; I suppose these prisoners do all the work on the farm?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You have over 250?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—What percentage of these men do you get efficient work from? Do you get fifty *per cent.* efficiency out of them? Supposing men were worth $1.50 to $2 a day if free men—what would you get out of them there?

A.—That is a difficult question to answer. The bushman from the north put into the woods to clear and cut cordwood and get out logs, would be worth the same there as he would be in the bush as a free man.

Q.—He would be if he worked the same number of hours.

A.—Well, he does—perhaps a little longer. But the men from the cities we have been getting recently from the gaols, who have never had any experience on the farm, whose only experience has been gained in poolrooms, they don't make the same kind of wages on the farm as the other fellow.

Q.—He doesn't keep himself?

A.—It is a question of how the efficiency of these fellows should be gauged. They all work. The primary object is to give them fresh air and keep them

employed. They may be only earning ten cents and they may be earning two dollars a day.

Q.—You had 200 for about how long?

A.—Since May, 1917.

Q.—It doesn't seem like a very big clearing for that number of men.

Mr. Sinclair: That isn't all that is cleared, is it?

A.—The clearing is only one branch of the work that is going on. There is the farming end. We have cattle there, and a few sheep. We have wood gangs getting out cordwood. We supply some of the northern gaols with firewood, and we get out lumber if necessary.

Mr. Clarke: You cut lumber in addition to what you require there?

A.—Yes, we cut some lumber for the different public institutions.

Q.—Have you any idea how much you cut last year?

A.—I have not.

Mr. Munro: Have you any idea of the value of the lumber you cut for the other public institutions? Didn't you keep records?

A.—The lumber we would ship to Guelph could be established. Most of the lumber cutting done was in connection with the construction of our own buildings at Burwash.

Mr. Clarke: Would there be a sawmill on the farm?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When you say 225 acres is cleared, completely cleared, do you mean there is some partly cleared in addition to that?

A.—I haven't those figures. But I have been over an extensive area partly cleared, and a lot of work has been done in ditching in a beaver meadow where there is no clearing, but where there is a lot of work to be done in draining the land so that we can have hay. I suppose there must be 400 or 500 acres of that sort of thing.

Q.—How many horses do you keep?

A.—Only six or eight horses.

Q.—I notice there was 60 or 70 tons of hay bought last winter.

Mr. Sinclair: How many cattle do you keep?

A.—The average number of cattle that grazed last year was 287.

Q.—That was the number you had on the farm?

A.—And we had 228 head of sheep.

Mr. Clarke: How much hay did you produce?

A.—Three hundred tons of hay were harvested.

Mr. Munro: And apart from that you bought 74 tons?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: In addition to all this you have built a number of miles of road over the farm, haven't you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—About how many miles—fifteen miles?

A.—Well, there is nine miles from one camp to the other—about fifteen miles of wagon road, I should say.

Q.—That was done in addition to the ditching done throughout the farm and the clearing of land?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And all the construction work on the buildings and everything has been done by the prisoners?

A.—Yes, and the guards. We started out in hiring a man as a guard to use him more or less as a foreman. The man who handles the sawmill is a guard, the man handling the carpenters is a guard and a trained carpenter. You see we have no mechanics there for that purpose. They are all guards.

Q.—Did you do all the building work with these guards and the prisoners?

A.—The major portion of it was done in that way. At the start there might have been some hired carpenters, because all the prisoners were bushmen when we started at camp.

Mr. Clarke: When you took the farm over was it all wood, was there nothing cleared?

A.—Nothing but these beaver meadows.

Q.—Did you cut much firewood this winter?

A.—We have two thousand cords piled on the roadways for shipping, and we will cut fifteen thousand cords this summer.

Mr. Munro: How do you dispose of it?

A.—The rough stuff is sold to the Copper Cliff Company for their roasting beds, I think. The hardwood is shipped as far east as Whitby.

Q.—How far is it to Copper Cliff?

A.—We shipped it to Sudbury, about twenty-one miles.

Q.—They pay the freight—you only put it on the cars?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What do you charge for it?

A.—F.O.B. on the cars it is $3 a cord, that is rotten pine, soft wood, etc.

Q.—Maple, etc.?

A.—We do not sell hardwood. We keep the hardwood for our own heating. We do not use coal at all.

Mr. Clarke: Is the superintendent a practical farmer?

A.—He is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Mr. Dewart: I see on page 273 that he is paid $2,275; $150 for one and a half months at Burwash. Apparently he was only getting $100 a month then. Then he was transferred to Guelph.

A.—He was at Burwash and was transferred to Guelph.

Q.—What is his present salary?

A.—$2,400, I think.

Q.—Then he was raised from $1,200 at Burwash to $2,400 at Guelph. Is he getting the $2,400 now at Burwash?

A.—I think that is the figure, yes.

Mr. Chairman: He did go from Burwash to the Guelph prison farm before they moved from Guelph to Burwash?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Dewart: He was first a month and a half at Burwash, then ten and a half months at Guelph, and now he is back at Burwash at the higher salary?

A.—Yes. He is getting the same salary at Burwash that he received at Guelph.

Mr. Chairman: He came back to Burwash when they moved the prisoners from Guelph?

A.—Yes. He came back with the prisoners.

Mr. Clarke: What do you estimate is the cost of keeping the prisoners up there, as near as you can get at it?

A.—The *per capita* cost as I worked it out for last year, including the guards and maintenance, was about $1.20 a day.

Mr. Dewart: How would that compare with the cost at Guelph?

A.—That was much higher. The contracts for Guelph would materially reduce the maintenance cost there, because they were made during the previous year. At Burwash, having no intimation whatever that the institution would be turned over, we had prepared for only a limited number of men. When we were forced to go on the market and double our purchases, in fact contract for three times as much, we paid higher prices.

Mr. Clarke: Do you credit the prisoners with the value of their work?

A.—No, but the supplies produced are charged up and taken into consideration.

Mr. Sinclair: But are the prisoners credited with their labour?

A.—We know the number of days they work. As against that I presume we have a substantial profit in the day's work as against the maintenance.

Q.—I mean, you haven't allowed them any $1.25 a day?

A.—Oh, no.

Mr. Carter: They are more than maintaining themselves?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: Do the 250 men earn, in your judgment, sufficient to pay not only their upkeep, but the guards and all those things?

A.—Well, it is a hard proposition to get efficiency from prisoners.

Q.—What I am getting at is: suppose they are cutting 1,500 cords of wood this summer—you credit them with that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And what they cut last winter?

A.—Yes. In a general way all I can say is that the farm is maintaining itself if a fair valuation is put upon the prisoners' labour.

Mr. Munro: That would be largely made up in clearing the land and work of that sort?

A.—Yes, and its production. We have to pay money out for the maintenance of these men, and there is no return except what we get from the wood or lumber we sell to get real dollars and cents back to the Treasurer.

Mr. Carter: You have a great acreage there, haven't you?

A.—About 35,000 acres.

Q.—You have only a small proportion cleared yet?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is your timber good?

A.—The timber isn't very good, but there is a lot of it.

Q.—What percentage have you cut of that—have you 500 acres?

A.—Oh, no; we haven't touched the fringe of it.

Mr. Clarke: Was that Government land or land that you purchased?

A.—There were a lot of veterans' claims and some land belonging to the Crown. It is in three townships.

Q.—What was the object in buying so much when you were only going at it at this rate of speed?

Mr. Chairman: Wasn't this the object, Mr. Dunlop—correct me if I am wrong: Knowing the possibilities from a grazing and cattle-raising standpoint, and in that way making use of large areas of land cut over in days gone by by the lumbermen, and the big beaver meadows available for feed, it was planned to enter upon a scheme of cattle development, such as would in time supply the institutions, and in this way provide a prosperous cattle industry from the Government's standpoint and beef from the institutions' standpoint. Wasn't that it?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: You cannot grow grain for cattle except when the land is cleared.

Mr. Chairman: But a great deal of this land has been cut over and has grown up. Go through that country and you will find scattered and extensive clearings all through it. It is the greatest ranging country for cattle anywhere.

Mr. Clarke: Do you mean the grass is growing up?

A.—Yes, there are thousands of acres of pasture.

Q.—Is there much pine there?

Witness: Not much pine.

Q.—What about oak?

A.—There is not much oak.

Q.—Maple?

A.—We have one of the best maple groves in the north country. It is uniquely situated in that respect.

Q.—What is the area of it?

A.—From the trees tapped this spring we will make about 1,500 gallons of maple syrup. A maple bush right in the heart of the forest in the north country is unique. I think we have about 3,400 acres of maple, well developed.

Q.—The object of getting into this thing was to develop it as a farming proposition. You don't appear to be getting ahead very fast. You haven't accomplished very much.

A.—I made a memorandum from the records—it might be of interest. We harvested, with an average of 187 men—some months it was lower and some higher—300 tons of hay on cleared land, not including some acres in beaver meadows. We harvested 3,000 bushels of potatoes, some of the best potatoes I ever saw in my life, grown on the virgin soil in the north. We cut two thousand cords of wood; we have 225 acres cleared, chopped and ready to stump and 275 acres partially cleared. We grazed last year 287 head of cattle and 228 sheep. That is just a memorandum I made of the operations.

Mr. Sinclair: Besides the road-building and draining?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Chairman: You get a good deal of wild fruit, do you not?

A.—Our accounts will show we purchased very little dried fruit for our prisoners.

Mr. Clarke: You do not appear to produce enough butter for your prisoners.

A.—Those are beef cattle.

Q.—Don't you keep any milk cattle?

A.—They are chiefly beef cattle. It must be considered that this proposition is one that will take some time to develop in that north country.

Witness excused.

C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, recalled:

MR. CLARKE: Mr. Bailey, in connection with this item for assistance to settlers. Will you give us a little explanation of that. It is on page 629.

A.—That is some of the northern development work under Mr. Whitson. Do you want an itemized statement or is there any particular item you want to know about?

Q.—There is an item here: Katherine L. Slater, purchase of a farm in the township of Dymond, $10,500. Was that purchased last year?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—How many acres was that?

A.—I think it was 160 acres. It is supposed to be a quarter section. It is partly in the town of New Liskeard. Just previous to this the town of New Liskeard gave the Government 70 acres to establish a farm there. We did not consider this to justify us in going to the expense of putting up buildings, etc.

Q.—You mean for an experimental farm?

A.—Yes. We did not consider it large enough to warrant us in equipping it. It could not be run to advantage.

Q.—You were apparently paying about $60 or $70 an acre. Was it improved much?

A.—No, there were no buildings. Part of it was improved, probably 15 acres. About 80 acres would be stump land and the balance in bush. Land in that section is fairly high.

Q.—This is as high as in some parts of older Ontario?

A.—Yes. Farms have been changing hands up around Earlton, where $10,000 has been paid for 160 acres this last year.

Q.—But probably there were $4,000 or $5,000 worth of improvements on that.

A.—The Agricultural Society's grounds were purchased six years ago. They are adjoining this property, in fact this is nearer town. That was purchased at $90 an acre six years ago.

Q.—I suppose that was cleared land?

A.—No, it was in stumps.

Q.—I understand from you that this property you bought is largely in timber and stumps?

A.—Approximately 15 acres is ready for the plough, about 50 acres is in stumps and can be cleared quickly, the balance is in bush.

Q.—Any pine in it?

A.—There is some pine here and there.

Q.—Probably you are going to experiment among the stumps.

A.—We have 70 acres to start with that is cleared and in cultivation, given to the Government by the town of New Liskeard. We have something over 100 acres that we can cultivate within the next year or two. It takes a long time to get the stumps out for cultivation.

Q.—It seems to me you could have got it for less money.

A.—You couldn't buy a farm that would be as satisfactory as this one. You would have to go out into the country. We wanted a property we could link up with the place the town had given us.

Q.—Have you any buildings on this 70 acres?

A.—Only one building, a judging pavilion. We haven't built any farm buildings. We are waiting until the war is over.

Mr. Chairman: Was that a fair price in regard to the land values around there?

A.—Very fair.

Q.—Are the roads there improved?

A.—There are good roads for autos.

Q.—How far is it to the street car line from it?

A.—The street car line would be fifteen minutes' walk from where the farm is.

Q.—So you regard the property as purchased cheaply?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Clarke: How many men have you employed on the 70 acres?

A.—We are just cleaning up. We started last spring. We have just a pair of horses and two men.

Q.—I see the wages amount to $4,000.

A.—That includes wages paid out in connection with a number of experimental plots. We have farms at the Ground Hog River, at Hearst, Kapuskasing, Mettagami, New Liskeard—

Mr. Chairman: That amount includes all them?

A.—Yes. At New Liskeard the expenditure for salary and wages was $1,059. We have to pay the ordinary labourer $3.50 a day.

Mr. Sinclair: The idea was to get town life on the farm?

A.—We wanted to use it for the children too. We wanted to have an agricultural school. The adjoining townships taxed themselves 25 cents a head to support an agricultural school in that section. We wanted this farm near town, so we could link it up with the school.

Mr. Munro: How long have you been operating?

A.—Just since last spring.

Q.—You really sold nothing off the farm?

A.—No. We raised enough to feed our horses, that is all.

Mr. Clarke: It will be an eye-opener to the people of old Ontario that a scrubby farm, cut over partly and still in stumps, can be sold in that country

for $70 an acre. You have no buildings on it, no improvements, only about 15 or 20 acres cleaned up—is that right?

A.—Yes. Up around Earlton, French people are coming in and buying farms at as high as $10,000 for 160 acres.

Q.—But there are buildings on them?

A.—The buildings are not worth anything.

Mr. Sinclair: It is good land around there?

A.—It is good farming country all around.

Mr. Clarke: Yes, but there are farms and farms, but I would suppose that at $70 an acre you would have some buildings and probably 125 acres cleared up for cultivation, except the timber is very valuable. I don't suppose though that you bought it for the timber.

A.—There will be some revenue in that. We got out a lot of pulpwood.

Q.—It seems to me to be a high price, it seems high to us down here where we think we are in the heart of civilization.

A.—They had refused $10,000 for the property the year before. It was held five years ago for $18,000.

Q.—Yes, but holding it and getting it are two different propositions, aren't they?

A.—The difficulty was that we had to have a farm that was practically in the town in order to link up with the property given the Government by the Town of New Liskeard. What we wanted was a demonstration farm that could be used in connection with an agricultural school for children.

Mr. Chairman: This will be headquarters for that district, from an agricultural standpoint?

A.—Yes, it is at the gateway of the north.

Mr. Clarke: But you haven't been doing much with it.

A.—We only started last spring.

Mr. Munro: The total of this item for the assistance of settlers and the advancement of settlement and colonization is $24,712.56. Has that all been spent?

A.—$13,069.81 has been spent on that farm, including the purchase. There was $1,059 spent in labour last year. Take at Matheson where we have a fifty-acre farm, we spent $770. We raised 1,500 bushels of a superior variety of oats for the farmers for seed. That is similar to the work we will try to do at New Liskeard.

Q.—Are you looking after that farm at Monteith?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—How much have you under cultivation there now?

A.—We would have in the neighborhood of 150 acres actually under cultivation. There is in all 300 acres that is under cultivation and in pasture. That is now being converted into a soldiers' and sailors' training school and the demonstration farm is being carried on as well.

Q.—Do you sell some of the stuff raised there, or do you use it all there?

A.—We will be using it for the soldiers.

Q.—I am talking about the past.

A.—Yes, for instance we kept a herd of pure-bred Yorkshire swine there raising high-class pigs and selling them to farmers with piggeries for $5.00 each. We got in thoroughbred cattle and sold them to the farmers at reasonable prices in order to get pure bred stock in the country. The same way with horses. We also send out eggs of good poultry.

Q.—How much land have you there?

A.—About 850 acres.

Q.—It's not half cleared yet then?

A.—Oh no. The soldiers are getting their training there, cutting down trees, stumping and clearing land.

Q.—It would be splendid training for men coming from the cities.

A.—Yes, it is.

Witness excused.

Thos Jennings, Audit Department, called and examined.

Mr. Clarke: There is an item on page 654—Lt.-Col. Williams, assistant director of recruiting, $11,362.26. Can you give us any explanation of that, how it is spent or does it all come in this one amount?

A.—Those are payments to Col. Williams from time to time.

Q.—To him alone?

A.—Yes.

Q.—For his own use?

A.—For recruiting purposes as we understand it.

Q.—Have you any itemized account for it?

A.—No sir.

Q.—How does he account for it?

A.—The money is passed by the audit office as a payment based on an Order-in-Council that states that no accounting is to be made.

Q.—No accounting to be made?

A.—No. No accounting is to be made.

Mr. Chairman: This is the same as a recruiting grant to a battalion?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Sinclair: You see it all over where regiments have been assisted by the Government in recruiting.

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carter: Is this for his individual services or is he simply the gentleman who dispenses that amount for others.

Mr. Chairman: This is spent in a general way for recruiting wherever assistance is needed, within Col. Williams' discretion.

Mr. Clarke: But you have no details because the Order-in-Council says the money is not to be accounted for?

A.—Yes.

Witness excused.

The Committee then adjourned.

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